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Longitude 47

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Names of the Barque Pacifics crew

Capt	John Sherman	
Mate	John Hood	
Sec	David, Edwards	Jan 19th 55 .. Discharged at Valle
Third	John, Dexter	
Fourth	Clark Allen	.. shiped Elisha Covel
Steward	David Roberts	
Cooper	Samuel Carr	
Boatsteer	Walter, Church	
	Arthur Hammond	
	Wesley Holt	
	John Johnson	
S, Boy	Josey Flores	
Cook	G. Miller	
Crew	Jobe Lawrance	
Dest	William Wilcox	Discharget Nov first 1856
X	A. Kinsman	in King Georges Sound
	Sylvanus Keen	
	Levi, Dexter	
	Albert Bassett	
	William Howland	
	William Wood	
	John Cunningham	
	Duncan Douglass	
x	William Miller	Deserted 22ond of May /57
	Theodore Gerome	
	John Miller	
x	Wm Bailis	Deserted 22ond of May /57
	John Sunderland	
x	Joseph Riley	Deserted 22ond of May 57
x	Joham Walter Dutch	Drowned March 31st/57
	Charles Weaton	
	Joseph Fay Portogue	

1855 Journal of a whaling voyage on board

Tuesday July 24th 1855
Sad, Sad indeed was the parting from home and friends, but it was done at last and with a heavy heart I started for New Bedford,, Arrived there about 9 oclock and found the Ship in the stream and the pilot boat ready to start,, we started and got on board in about an hour, hove short, and then again came the parting from a few friends that had followed me thus far, twas over with in a few minuits, and the topsails were sheeted home & soon the old Pacific was moving through the water at the rate of 5 knots,

Oh what feelings came over me as one object after another passed from my sight, but still I kept up good spirits till the pilot left and than all hopes fled, About an hour after went down to supper and after eating 2 herrings felt some better, after supper chose watches, took in gaff topsail flying jib and fore top g sail and than half went below, Wind about S west standing along on the starboard tack all the green hands sick as death, and raining like fun,, Fine times so closes the first day, may the next be better

25 Wednesday begins thick foggy weather, wind about west, Steering to the eastward, all hands engaged in getting boats ready, so ends the day
Lat at 12 oclock 40.20 N

26 Thursday begins with calm thick homesick weather with some rain, fitting boats is the order of the order of the day with slight variations, duff for diner and sorry looking men to eat it, to thick for observations, and continued so through the 24 hours Lat 40.25 ,, 69.40

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1855 Barque Pacific

July

27 Friday begins with thick fog and light wind from the south. 9 oclock spoke ship Monmouth bound to bath,; saw a shoal of black fish, but to thick to lower, all hands breaking ~~ou~~ out lumber and making saint booms, about 6 oclock wind hauled round to the east and blew strong, took in top gallant sails, doubled reefed the topsails, took in the mainsail & jib and let her beat, green ones dreadful sick but no help for it; so ends +

28 Saturday Lat 40„00 Lon 66„30.

Lat 39„30 Lon 62„00 + Commenced with thick fog and rain. with strong breese. from the East standing on the larboard tack,, all sick and no work, 4 oclock saw a large merchant ship standing to the westard, nothing more of consiquence to day,; want to go home cant but....

29 Sunday begins with clam clear weather, wind NE east nothing to do but read and mind in to bad a state for that, homesick enough to—— ——

June 1

about 4 oclock wind veered round to the north squared in, and kept her ~~es~~ east; green hands getting better Lat 38„42 .. Lon 59„20

30 Monday

Lat 38„30. Lon 58„40 begins with fine weather light breese from the North,, breakfast time wind veered to the west — Ships course east by south. saw several ships supposed to be merchantmen ,, very busy sheathing the decks, dont see any whales yet but want to bad enough

31 Tuesday fine warm weather light wind, steering east by south, saw blackfish, but going to windard to fast; very busy fitting the rigging, at 7 oclock lowered down to practise the men, did quite well for green ones. Homesick

Lat 38„25 Lon 55„00

18 1855 Journal of a whaling voyage on board

August

first Wednesday pleasant weather with light wind
Lat from the west, steering E.S.E., fitting rigging
37.45 and sheathing decks, saw one sail astern,
Lon about 9 oclock in the evening had a fine shower,
57,24 and then cleared off calm, so, ends the day

Sec, Thursday comes with warm hazy weather wind to
Lat the westward, and very light 11 oclock A.M. took a
37,30 heavy squall which turned into a gale took in
Lon top g sails doubled reefed the top sails, furled the
55,00 mainsail & jib and let her go it; caught a dolphin
and had him baked for dinner, one sail in sight
wind hauled into the N East and blowing strong
continued so till midnight

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third Friday wind moderated some, still quite rough
Lat. one ship in sight; broke out for water, after
37,22 dinner wind hauled dead ahead, keep her on
Lon the larboard tack heading about S.S.E, toward
53,43 the close of the day the wind died away to a
moderate breeze, & so ends Lat 37.22.

4 Saturday fine breeze but ahead, standing on
the Starboard tack heading E.N.E., fitting the
rigging, 4 oclock cleared up the decks and washed
off for sunday so ends the week Lat 37.[illegible]7., Lon 51,00

5 Sunday this is the day of rest and fine &
pleasant it is with a nice wind from the
south, at 12 oclock the B had passed 3 sails
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at 4 oclock was startled by the cry there she blows but
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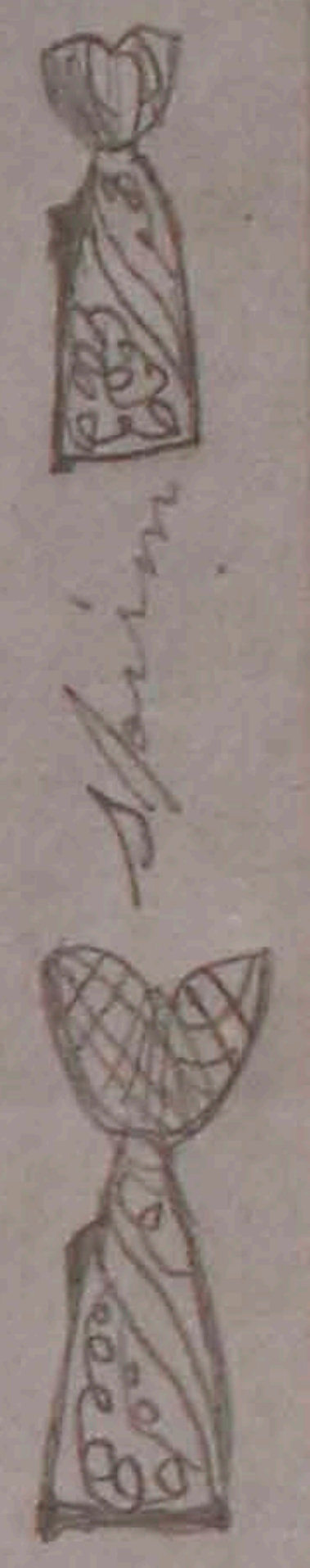

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1855 Bargue Pacific. by John G. Dexter

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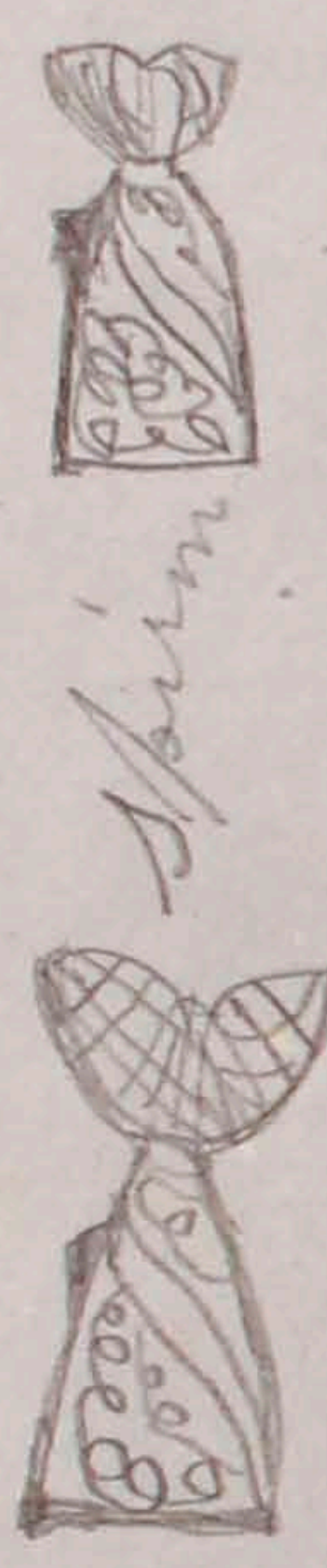
Mond 6 Monday we still have fine weather and a fine wind from the southward, course E by S. raised spouts 3 times to day but no Sperm whales yet, all hands in good spirits; Latitude at 12 o'clock 39,40'

7 Tuesday commenced with a very strong breeze from the S.E., at 3 o'clock A.M. the Larboard watch went below, and just after daylight were arroused by the joyful cry of There she blows,, Sperm whales all hands were called, the ship luffed to the wind, and all sail made in chase, the whales proved to be a large shoal of small ones, and going to windward very quick,, the breeze freshened and after tacking several times we came up with them, and cleared away 2 boats maned with the best of our men,, there was a bad sea on and after pulling & sailing for 5 hours with the water flying over us, we were obliged to give up the chase, and with heavy hearts,, wet & hungry we returned on board such is the lot of a whaleman...,, by this time the whales were far away in the horizon, so we kept the ship again on her course E,S,E, and wished for better luck next time,, weather continued the same throughout the day Lat at noon 39,35' Longitude at 3 o'clock 48,33 West —



8 Wednesday begins with strong wind from S, west thick smoky weather, passed a ship about noon, afternoon wind increased, doubled reefed the topsails and let her go till midnight — Lat 39,36 Longitude 41,30 ---

9 Thursday,, rough heavy weather,, under 2 doubled reefed topsails and foresail some rain, did nothing all day, Lat 39,39. Lon 36,10

1855 Journal of a whaling voyage on board

Aug

10 Friday, quite moderate weather but bad sea on, wind N.E., heading E.S.E.,, lowered down for blackfish but did not catch any

Lat 39,10 Lon. 39,32

11 Saturday fine weather, but light wind from the S.E.,, at 4 oclock were 80 miles west of Flores, by chronometers,

12 Sunday fine weather with light winds from the southward, about 3 oclock A.M. discovered the Islands of Corvo & Florese bearing S.E., continued throughout the day beating up with light winds.

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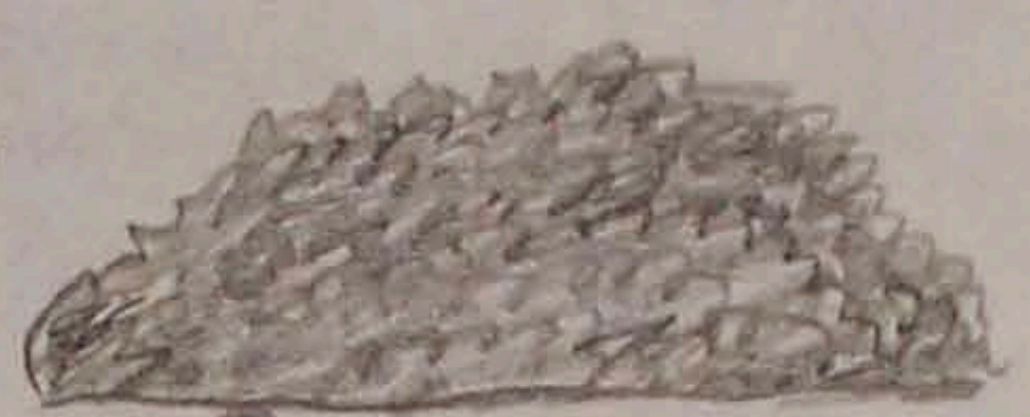
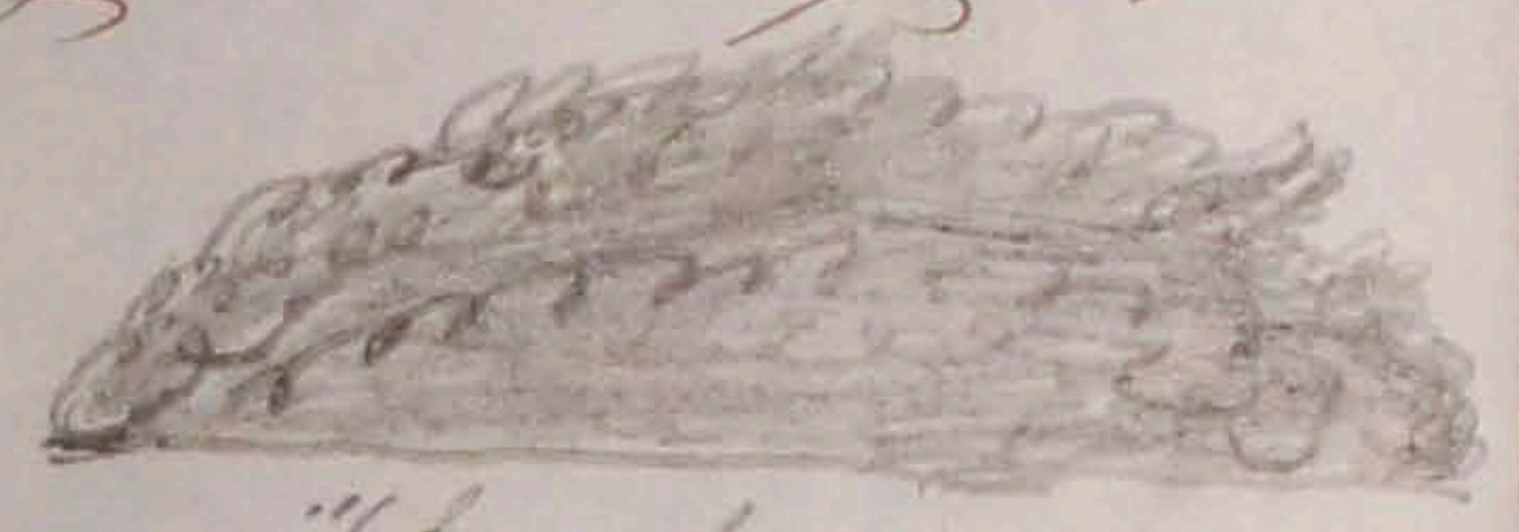
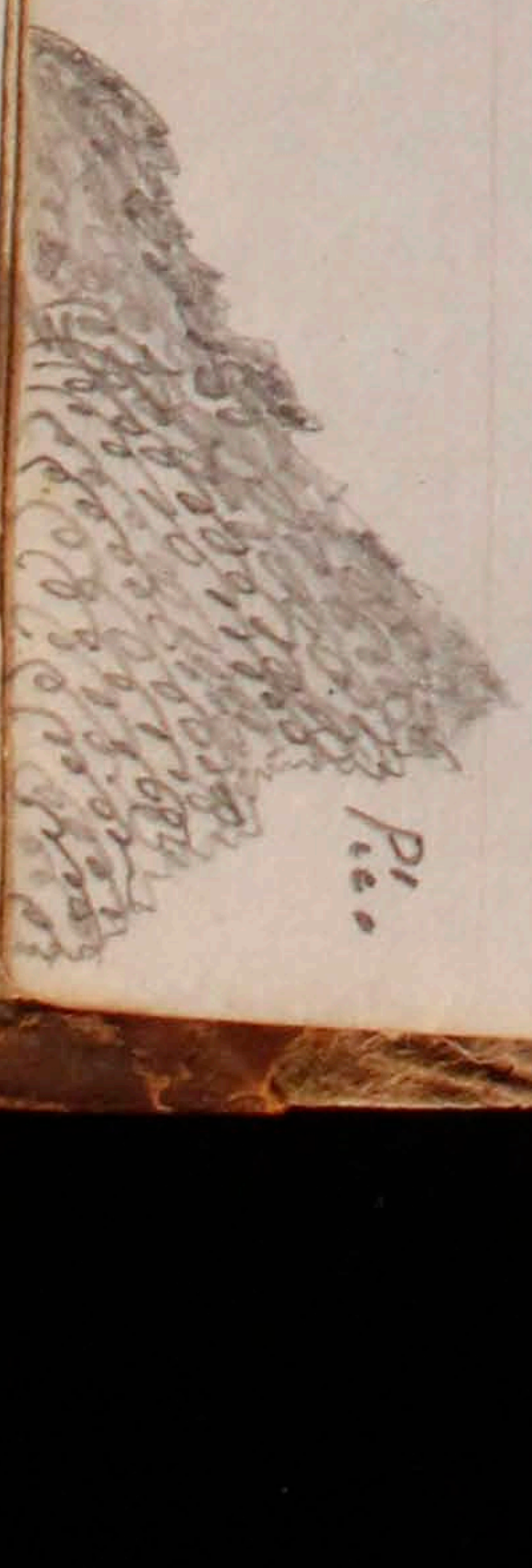




13 Monday very fine, 10 oclock about 3 miles from the west side of the Island of Flores Capt went on shore & traded for potatoes onions apples pears grapes fowls & eggs, shipped one man & a boy,, 12 oclock P.M. laying off & on

14 Tuesday, took a heavy squall about 1 oclock which turned into a gale of wind, took in sail & continued laying off and on till 3 P.M., gale moderated, kept her off for Fayall, spoke Barque Sea Flower Capt Macomber, & had a gamm, weather growing better so ends the day,)

15 Wednesday begins with fine weather & good breeze, steering S.E. Fayall & Pico on the Larboard bow 2 points, about noon, spoke the schooner Antarctic of Provincetown, 11 months out 145 bb humpback oil, about dark kept her off South, and left the Islands astern wind very light, so ends the day



1855 Barque Pacific by John G. Dexter

Aug

16 Thursday, very fine with light winds from the north steering south, spoke the Barque Sarah of Boston, all hands at work in the rigging & looking sharp for sperm whales,, such is the whalemans life,,

17 Friday fine with northerly winds, capital weather to whale it but we cant see any every thing goes on finely and all in good spirits, but thoughts of home pops into ones head so often it makes it bad if we had some oil I for one should feel better, We trust there is brighter days in store for us,

18 Saturday begins with fine weather & good breeze from the NE, all sail set going along 7 knots bent a fore topmast studdingsail & set it, course south, Lat at 12 oclock 33,00,, 26,,32

19 Sunday, this to the whaleman is a day of rest if he does not see whales, & I for one am always happy to see a fine day as is the present, the ship is going along 8 miles an hour, with a north east wind, and all hands are gathered about in groups, some reading others talking of home and not a few smoking & telling stories, all seem to be in good spirits, but I should like to be in R, listening to a sermon from Rev E W Harrington, or some other good man, still I cant say I am not happy
Latitude 30, South, ..25.,29

Fine 4

1855 Journal of a Whaling voyage on

Aug

20 Monday fine weather with the S E trade winds, steering S by W half west- tarring and fitting rigging; & painting a new boat for the mate,

Lat 27,13
25,,08

21 Tuesday very fine with good breeze turned over the waist boat & painted her, all in good spirits Lat 24,,24,, 24,,56

22 Wednesday fine light winds, busy painting boats & fitting rigging, no whales,,

23 Thursday, Moderate weather, made a lower studding sail & bent it; a large ship in sight,, supposed to be an East Indiaman, Lat 19,8 Lon 25,40

24 Friday very fine, light wind, engaged in carpentering, coopering, & fitting rigging one sail in sight,, Lat 17,,12,, Lon 26,,00

25 Saturday squally weather, plenty of rain but not much wind, latter part of the day calm, 4 ships in sight; latitude, 15,,4

26 Sunday begins with rain squalls & a strong breeze from the East - 5 ships in sight supposed to be merchantmen, but they can't sail with the Pacific, if they do carry more sail,

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27 Monday begins with fine weather & light wind from the E. 8 o'clock AM, commenced raining which lasted 2 hours & then cleared off fine 4 o'clock took a heavy squall called all hands & took in all sails [illegible] & then [illegible] again & [illegible] sails

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1855 Voyage
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1855 Board Aug — Barque Pacific by John G. Dexter of N.

28 Tuesday begins with squally rainy bad weather ship under whole topsails. after dinner hawled off saw 4 sails, one french Barque in distress with no sail set did not go to her for she was to windward and had two large ships laying aback along side of her one English & the other French, from what we saw we suppose she had been run into & was leaking bad, 7 oclock wind hawled to the southward at 11, out to the S.W. with rain squalls
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Latitude 11 5½

29. Wednesday begins with plenty of rain good breese from the S.W., 10 oclock good weather, 3 ships in sight, Pacific course S.E. by S, with all sail set

30 Thursday very pleasent fine breese from the S.W. 5 sails in sight.. all at work on the rigging
Eng

31 Friday cloudy,, & light wind from S.S.W. fitting up the try works, cleaning the pots &c, several ships in sight

Sept
first Saturday rainy squally weather with light variable winds 4 sails in sight. Latitude 5 North Lon 18 West
Dutch

second Sunday pleasent & calm weather all work laid by & all hands reading smoking & telling stories & not a few talking of home, so passes the sabbath at sea,, as for myself I have been reading a book (given me by a young Lady) called the Elements of character and I find it very interesting
Lat at noon 4. north, Lon 18 west 4 sails ships in sight

Ladies on board
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brig French
Good bye

1855 Journal of a Whaling voyage on board Barque

Sept

Third Monday fine weather wind from the south standing on the eastern tack several sails in sight, . saw a shoal of porpoises struck one but lost him

4 Tuesday good weather wind the same tacked ship heading to the westward

3 Topsail Ships hard old trade winds right in our teeth, Perhaps it is as well; 4 ships in sight; Lat 3 South Lon 20,,30

5 Wednesday begins with squally weather with some rain, head wind & it makes me feel ugly, but there is no help for it one ship in sight if not more, 43 days from home & have seen sails 32 of them, raise them ahead & leave them astern go it old ship, if you will only catch the oil as well as you sail I will be satisfied

another sail in sight.

6 Thursday begins with good weather with a strong breeze from the SE, ships course S W got up preventer backstays on the top g masts so we can carry sail, & it makes me think of home, but we are going the wrong way sent up our cutting pennants & got our gear all ready, & are in hopes to have a

French chance to use it before long, one ship in sight. the weather begins to look squally & will end so Latitude at 12 oclock 45 miles north of the line no signs

7 Friday fine strong trades ship heading S W by S watching hammocks to beat out - with

Eng 2 Ships in sight - Lat 01,,25 South,, 25,,44

1855 Pacific of New Bedford of John G. Dexter
Sept

8 Saturday good weather strong trades course S W fitting boat tackles, about 5 o'clock P M saw a large shoal of black fish lowered down but darkness came on so soon that we could not see them 2 sails in sight; Lat, 3,36, south Lon 26,30 west

9 Sunday, another pleasent sabbath with a nice breize which is still more pleasent. one sail in sight Lat 5,34 Lon 28 west

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Monday very strong winds with some squals ship staggering under whole topsails 2 sails in sight

11 Tuesday squally windy weather, all sail set heading S W by S, saw a finback, broke out the after hatch for meat beans & vinegar, 2 sails in sight.,

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Wednesday squally, raing, nasty, miserable, weather, about 9 o'clock A M double reefed the topsails, no sails in sight to day, remarkable such weather as this makes one think of home

Lat 13,31 , Lon 31,00 West

13 Thursday very good weather with a nice wind from the S E, heading S S W, barometer higher than it has been since we left home, I think we have got through the squally weather. I hope. breakfast this morning raised a sail ahead as far as we could see from the mast head & at seven bm passed her she was a merchant brigg Lat 15,20

14 Friday good weather light wind from S.E, broke out the after hatch for butter, saw several finbacks & some black fish, one sail in sight

Lat 17,50 south, Lon 31,50 West

1855 Sept Journal of a Whaling voyage on board

15 Saturday very fine, light winds saw several finbacks & once the man at the mast-head sung out for sperm whales, but they proved to be grampusses. Latitude 19.3

16 Sunday very pleasant indeed the trade winds have worked to the ENE & we are steering SSE got a Lunar obsavasion to day
Latitude to day at 12 oclock 21,30

Shine &

17 Monday good weather with light winds from the East, got the starboard anchor up on the & lashed it afresh, rove some new studding sail gear

18 Tuesday fine this morning wind veered aft to the NE, kept her SE, squared in the yards & set topmast & lower studding sails, going along about 8 knots, broke out the main hatch & fitted the blubber room to put blubber in if we get any, about 1 oclock sung out for sperm whales, called all hands got the boats all ready, but they proved to be humpbacks, Oh what a suck. one ship in sight, steering to the SE

19 Wednesday good weather & good breese at daylight saw a ship on the lee beam steering up across us, about 8 oclock the same within hail, & proved to be the Fanny Forester of Boston from Liverpool bound to Amoy, we saw her to the north of the line, a, clipper, her Lon 34.00 & by 2 cronometers & 3 Lunars, guess he is lost. saw 2 finbacks, one was steering west

Answd

Sam right says the Dickens.

1855
Sept

Barque Pacific

20 Thursday begins with fine weather with a good breese from the South, steering S E engaged in pointing cutting falls & guys. about 4 o'clock wind hauled round dead ahead with some rain & there is fair prospects of a dirty night ,,

21 Friday thick rainy squally cool weather with strong wind from the E. ship under whole topsails diving bows under. 2 sails in sight & plenty of cape pigeons or speckled haglets, 5 o'clock doubled reefed the topsails, at 8 took in mainsail & jib & ends with bad weather

Would like to be in Brooklyn to night

22 Saturday begins with bad weather wind hauled to NE, ship going along ENE, under whole topsails & pitching so it is impossible to do anything, PM some rain, such weather as this on a Saturday night makes me think of home & the family circle, sitting beside a good stove is much more pleasent than a wet jacket & fancy but such is a sailors lot, one sail in sight

Alas for good old times ......

23 Sunday half a gale of wind, ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail steering SE by E, about 4 points free rolling & pitching dreadfully. a little homesick but it cant be helped, one going in sight. Lat 31,20, Long $3^{E}\frac{1}{2}$

Gale

24 Monday clear weather fine breese but a bad sea on wind from the N. steering ES,E. with all sail out. growing cool

1855 From the Azores round the

Sept

25 Tuesday begins with thick rainy weather with a strong breeze from the North broke out water,, P.M. plenty of rain 6 oclock reefed the topsails, at 9 took in mainsail & jib, & let her go it all night—

26, Wednesday morning bad weather wind North carrying sail hard, steering ESE & rolling pitching & shipping water all the time, plenty of gonys in sight but they all fly high,, homesick 1 sail

27 Thursday fine weather with strong wind steering ESE, about 10 oclock raised a sail ahead & at 3 passed her, she was an English brig but could not sail with the P, at 4 PM raised another ahead & passed her at 5, Clipper Merchantman, but we are going 12¼ knots Lat 35, South Lon 9 West—

1st Eng brig good bye

28, Friday pleasent, good breeze going ESE. broke out the fore hatch,, plenty of birds in sight but no fish passed two more ships, Lon 4,50 west;

29 Saturday strong breeze, hazy weather & plenty of water on deck all sail set, going SEbE 10 knots Latitude 36 South Lon 36 miles west

30 Sunday fine good winds from the north steering SEbS plenty of finbacks in sight & plenty of wright whale birds but no fish weather growing cold, monkey jackets come in play, so ends September Longitude 3,53 East

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1855 Cape

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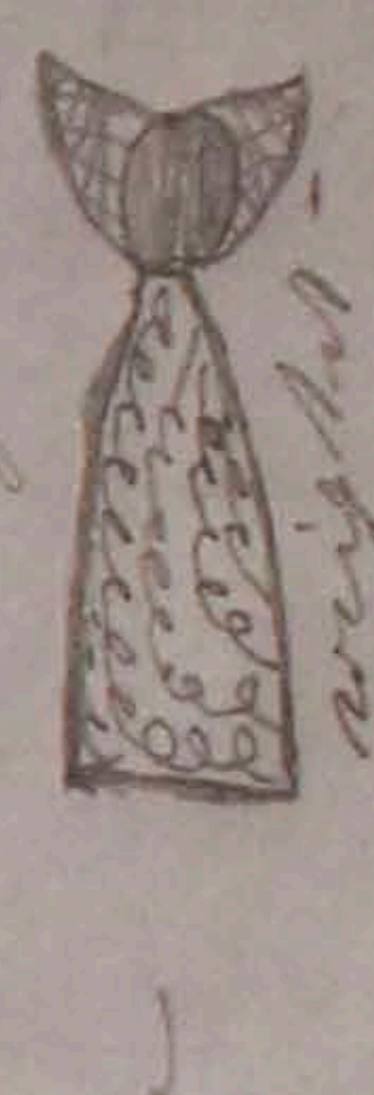

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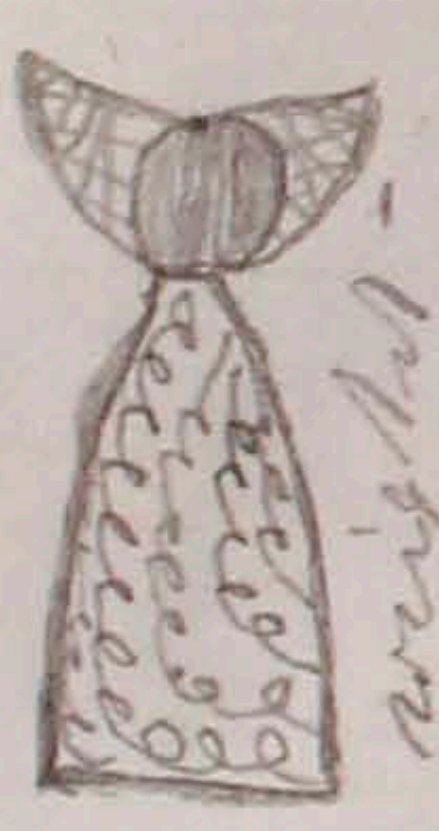
1855 Oct

Cape Good Hope

first Monday begins with cloudy weather & a strong breeze from the N, steering E S E, saw plenty of fin backs, 4 P.M, took in studding sails top G sails & doubled reefed the top sails ends with plenty of squalls

Sec Tuesday rough squally weather took in mainsail & jib close reefed the topsails 12 oclock wind veered round to the westerd kept her before it with 2 closereefed topsails & foresail, ship rools so the green hands cant stand up so we end this day

3 Wednesday begins with moderate weather all sail set wind S W, steering S S E saw a plenty of finbacks about 12 oclock saw 2 wright whales, cleared away the boats & went after them but could not strike, hard luck, 5 oclock wind hauled round to the S S E, standing on the starboard tack heading East Lat at 12 oclock 38,13 S, Lon 14,30 E



There goes flukes

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4 Thursday begins with strong breeze from the Southard & E, 7 A.M, reefed the top sails, saw any quantity of fin backs broke out the rum & stowed down 10 kegs of powder, P M plenty of rain & so ends

5 Friday squally weather wind to the west steering E S E all sail set plenty of fin backs in sight, 5 oclock saw a sail on lee beam 7 oclock reefed the top sails bad weather brewing barometer falling, look out out for squalls to day got into the Indian Ocean

Indian Ocean

October

1855 In the Indian Ocean bound to

Oct

6 Saturday begins with a gale from the west running before it under to close reefed top sails & foresail, boats hoisted up to davy heads, & the ship rolling both rails under, Capt thinks the ~~P~~ wind sends, what an idea. daylight better weather 2 ships in sight, both merchantmen bound East, PM wind hauled to the south main top G sail out, so ends another week, may the next be better.

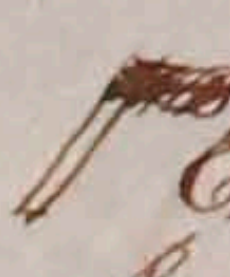
Herrings for supper from Hobart

Saturday night continued 7 oclock larboard watch went on deck, a squall was riseing to windard, took in main top G sail & clewed down fore top sail to double reef it, while hauling out to windard a boy of 16 years sliped & fell to the deck we took him up senseless & carried him into the cabbin & after propper treatment he came too, but was in terrible agony, after bleading him & rubbing him for 2 hours his pain was eased a little. it was a miracle that he was not killed outright, but not a bone was broken, his name is William P Howland & belongs to New Bedford son of Dr Howland

Man fell from fore topsail yard

7 Sunday fine weather light winds ahead made all sail, 3 ships in sight, saw fin backs, black fish & porpoises PM breese sprung up & increased till 6 oclock & then we took in top G sails & reefed the top sails, & so ends the day the boy is some better to day but so stiff that he cant be moved

Fine


Eng B.K.

Lat at noon 37,15 South Lon 25,06 East

Port Dauphin

Oct
8th Monday begins with thunder, lightning & plenty of rain. wind light & baffling 6 oclock A M cleared off very pleasant & warm broke out water & meat & stowed down our cheese in charcoal P M wind came out S W kept her S E by E all sail set saw some fin backs, the boy is some better to day, though badly bunged up, thick boots & monkey jacket dont work well reefing topsails, for a boy

9 Tuesday begins with good weather, with breeze from, the S, P M, wind hauled to N E, ship heading E S E, 6 oclock took in top g sails & doubled reefed the topsails at 7 took in the mainsail, & the jib took itself in, growing rough so ends the day

10 Wednesday, begins with thick weather, wind from the N; daylight set the mainsail & broke out a new jib & bent it. 10 A M furled them,, at 1 P M set them again & passed a dutch merchantman bound to the S S E, 7 oclock, bad weather coming & so ends „ Our sick boy is better

New jib

11 Thursday begins with cloudy weather with strong breeze from N W steering East. saw one finback, 4 P M wind hauled to S W took in studdingsails top g sails Mainsail & jib & doubled reefed foretopsail, ship rolling very heavy through the night, , boy getting better

Lat 37,30 Lon 36, East

Off Cape Good Hope bound to

Oct-

12 Friday begins with rough weather & strong breeze from S.W., steering East with main top g sail out; plenty of birds in sight but no fish; this is East cape all over Hard times & no oil,, hope on & donot get discouraged Hobland getting better 7 P.M, look out for squalls so ends

13 Saturday fine weather wind from the S, & E, standing on the starboard tack with all sail set- 7 A.M, broke out coffee & flour at 4 P.M took in top g sails & at 7 reefed the top sails, so ends the day Lon 42, E, Boy been on deck to day

Porpoises

14 Sunday, begins with squally weather wind hauled more to the E, put her on the Larbord tack. 10 A.M wind freshened took in mainsail & jib 4 P.M set the mainsail, weather still looks ugly no observations to day, boy still better

double reefed topsails, but- Clear

15 Monday cloudy with strong East winds ship under close reefed topsails. this makes me think of home

16 Tuesday rough rough rough wind from the southward closereefed topsails all hands homesick & no medicine rigged reef tackles to the mainsail

Dauphin for a Cruise

Oct

17 Wednesday thick weather wind from the SE & blowing like fun, ship under close reef topsails on the Starboard tack, Hard times & no fish oil most gone, Lat 54,17, Lon 45,70

18 Thursday cloudy weather wind to the E, & plenty of it under close reefed topsails 12 oclock wore ship & headed SSE 3 oclock set the mainsail & at 6, the jib weather looks a little better & happy am I to see it, for I am tired of this, herrings for supper, the last of to, so we close another day & hope for a better

19 Friday smoky weather with plenty of wind & ahead ship on the Larboard tack heading S.E, plenty of fin backs in sight ship under reefed topsails fitted a smaller spanker & bent it 4 PM got a Lunar,

20 Saturday quite good weather with strong breeze from the NE, ship under whole topsails once more, broke out 7 pipes of new sails from between decks & stowed them in the after tank & shooked the casks to make room broke out meat, saw plenty of finbacks, 6 oclock PM doubled reefed the fore topsail so closes another week

Oh for a fair wind &
some sperm whales

Barque Pacific In the Indian

Oct
21 Sunday fine but a strong NE wind & ship under double reefed top sails......
Fine

22 Monday begins with thick hazy weather & strong breeze from the NE, steering E S E, broke out the fore hole & got things ready for action. signs of right whales, but all signs fail in a dry time, P M rain like fun & the day ends with rain
Oh who would not go a whaling

23 Tuesday begins with a thick fog & light winds from the southard standing on the starboard tack with all sail set P M weather some better very busy at all sorts of work plenty of fin backs in sight 6 oclock took in sail & set boats crew watches, " begin to think of burning shush

24 Wednesday begins with thick weather & winds steering from the E & N. plenty of rain 6 oclock took in sail & set the watch saving all night.

25 Thursday fine for the first time in 4 weeks very busy indeed set up the jib stay, sent out a lazyard & broke out the fore hole, saw Killers standing boats crew watches
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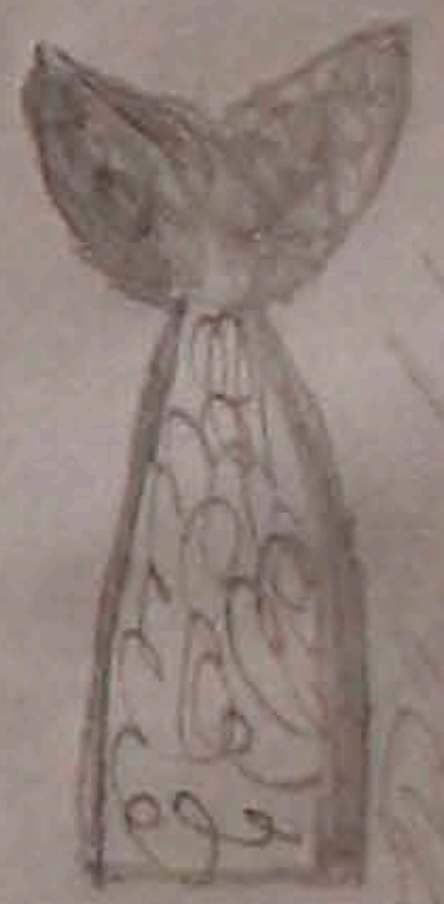

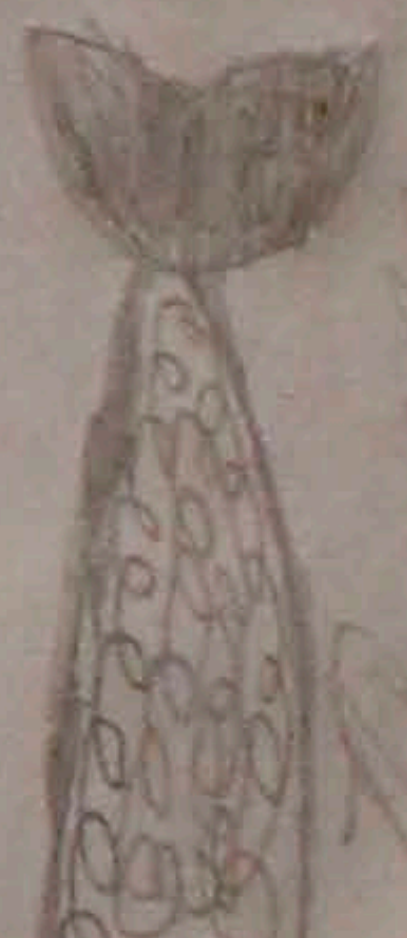

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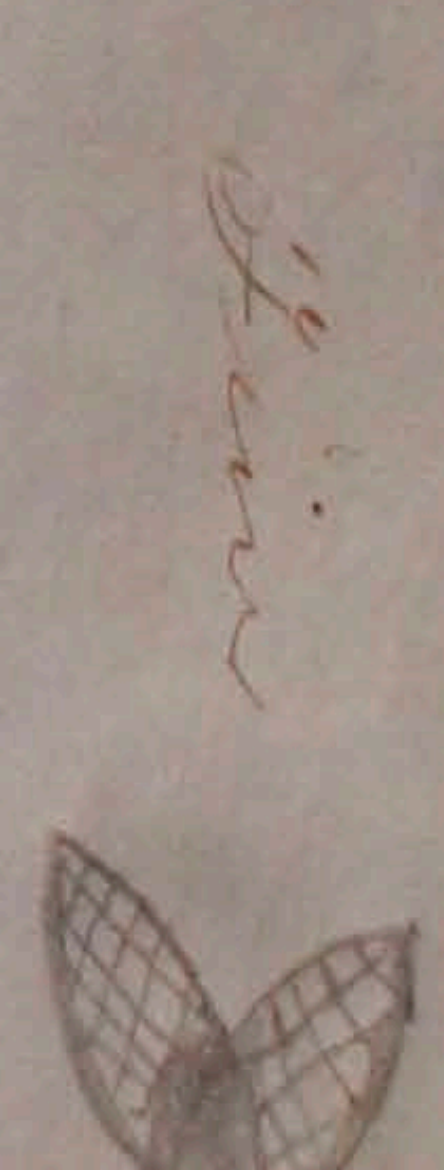
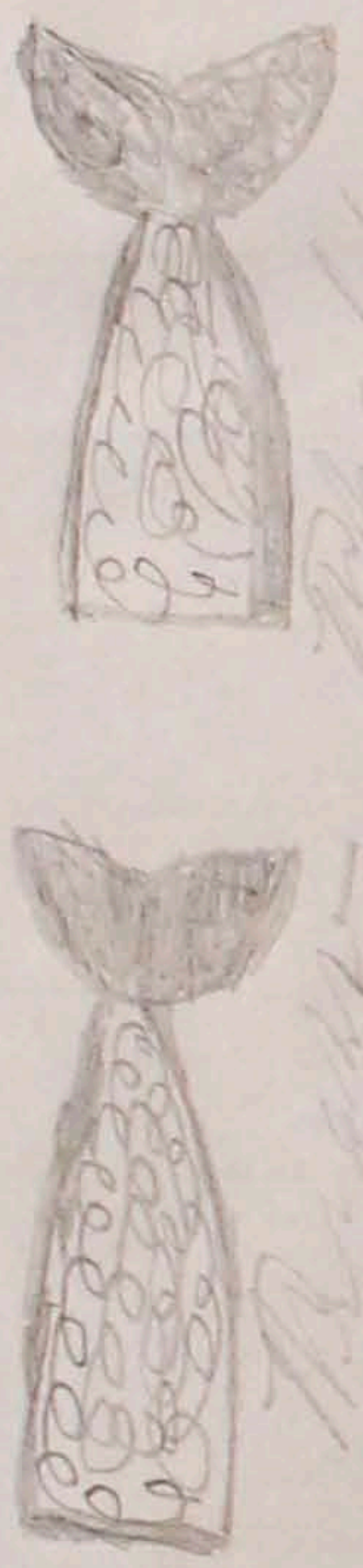


Cruiseing for Wright Whales

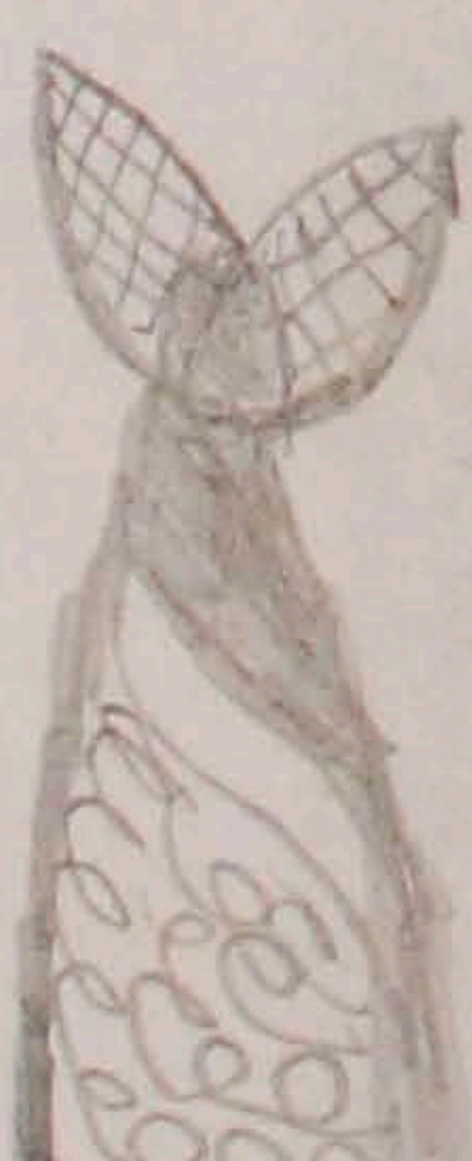
Oct

26 Friday begins with fine weather & light winds from the E, very busy at all kinds of work, plenty of fin backs but no right whales, 8 P.M. caught a Porpoise & now for some fresh meat & some oil to burn 6 oclock took in sail & set the watch, so we end

27 Saturday begins with beautiful weather & a fine breeze from the East daylight made all sail & stood along on the starboard tack 11 oclock raised a right whale & chased him to windard, awhile & then came on board, 4 P.M. saw 2 more & lowered 2 boats but they were to wild for whale boats 6 oclock took in all sail & let her boil, so we end another day hoping to be more successfull



28 Sunday, Another sabbath morning has dawned fair & bright with a nice breeze from the north, all hands busy reading, 10 oclock caught a porpoise, about noon saw a right whale bound to windard but did not lower, plenty of finbacks round.



6 oclock raised a sail ahead & at dark came up with her & spoke her proved to be the B. K. Ammanworth of Cold Spring 11 months out one whale, had hard luck lost sec mate & crew at St Pauls in the breakers fast to a whale

Barque Pacific on the Cruising

Oct 28 contin Sunday news from the whaling flat rather bad, Ship Hunter 10 months out, & clean & several others quite as bad, Capt almost discouraged but the rest of us are bound to keep up good spirits in spite of fate & trust to Providence, so we end another Sabbath, Latitude 34,30, Lon 60

29 Monday begins with some rain 6 oclock cleard off, made sail & soon after raised a ship ahead coming toward us proved to be the Catherine of New London Capt Hull 11 months out 500 bbls, she luffed too & had a gam she had lost a man overboard a short time before Capt Hull talks rather discouraging about the Indian Ocean, but I think there is oil in store for the Pacific but no man knoweth what an hour may bring forth

wind strong from the S E to day ship under double reefed topsails saw one whale going to windard but did not lower, want oil bad must have it some how & will if it can be caught 6 oclock P.M took in sail & set the watch so we close the day Latt 34,18 South

30 Tuesday fine weather & light winds but no whale, hard times

Ground of right Whalers

Oct 31 Wednesday fine clear weather with a light breeze from the S.W, saw plenty of finbacks but no right whales, struck one porpoise & lost him,, 2 P.M. hauled aback for the Monmouth to come down & have a gam; the Catherine still in sight to windard, 6 oclock took in sail & set the watch, so ends

November First Thursday fine weather & light winds from the N.W. plenty of fin backs in sight, 4 P.M. ran down & had a gam with the Monmouth, but dont see any right whales got 2 lubbers Chronometers all right.,

Nov se 2 Friday fine weather with a light breeze from the N.W, plenty of fin backs in sight but no right whales, bad bad, caught a porpoise to day, Latt 34,59 Lon 57,30.

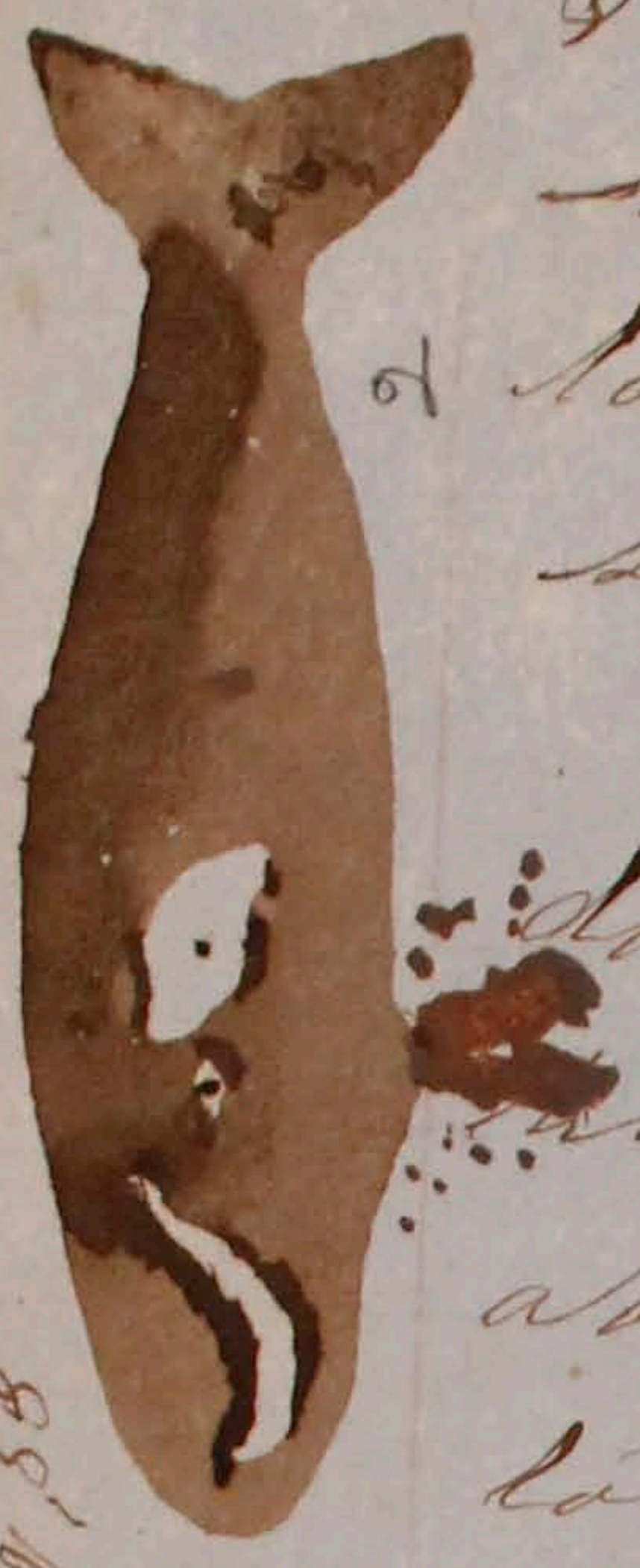
3 Saturday very fine with light winds from the N.W, 10 oclock saw right whales, lowered away 2 boats but did not strike one went off with a bone lance in him, Hard times some sober faces, but there is no help for it, so we close another week with out a fish

Saturday night & I have tried all the week to be good

Barque Pacific Cruising for

Nov

4 Sunday morning dawned bright & clear with a good breeze from NE, standing on the Starboard tack with all sail set 8 AM, cloudy 2 saw the Monmouth to windward
2 oclock saw 2 right whales lowered down & struck one of them turned him up & got him along side about 4 oclock & commenced cutting took in head throat & lips & then set the watch,, raining like fun



47 bbls

5 Monday raining in large drops finished cutting before breakfast continued raining all day had a watch below 6 oclock PM started the works & set the watch for the night,

6 Tuesday foggy foggy, boiling 10 AM saw the B K Monmouth pick up a dead whale sorry we had not got him, However she needs him 6 oclock set the watch, 40 bbls boiled out, so ends this day

7. Wednesday raining & foggy boiling cooled down 2 P.M. weather a little better saw the Monmouth boiling 6 oclock set the watch, saw a French merchantman steering East

French

Right Whales in the Indian Oce

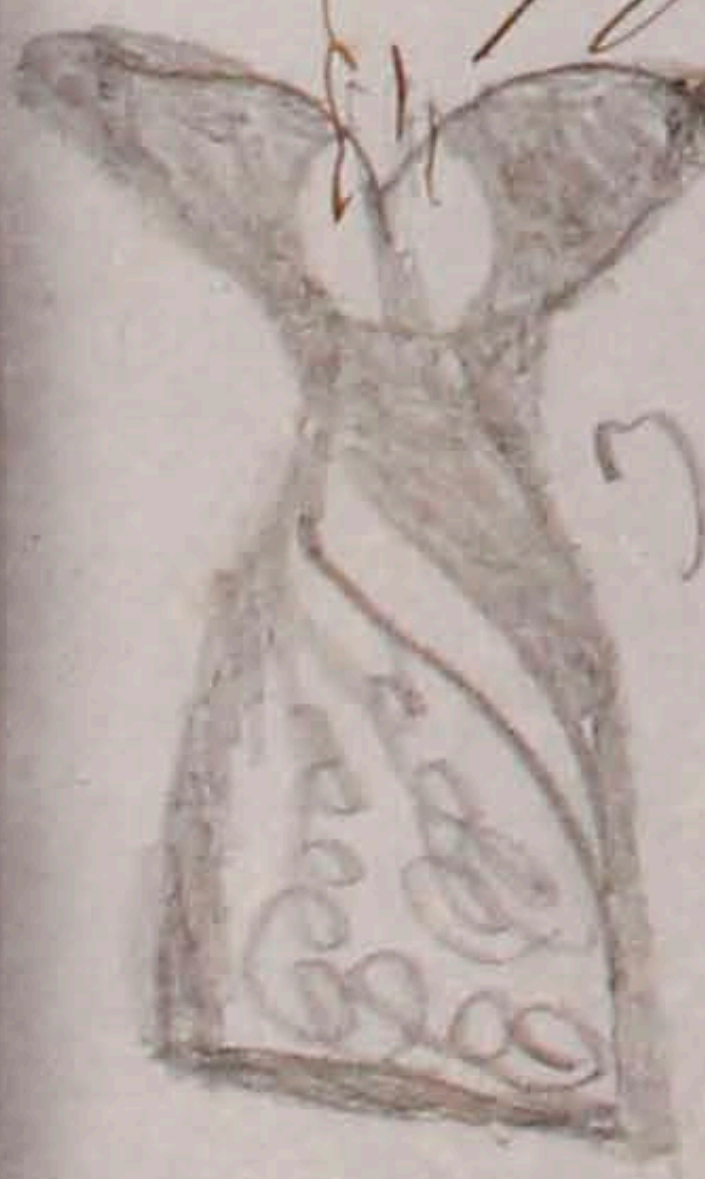
Nov 8 Thursday begins with plenty of rai saw the M boiling, wind very light from the N W, 10 A M saw another Barque to windard running dow toward us got along side about 3 P M, proved to be the Pioneer of New Bedford 14 months out 500 bls Capt Lambert had taken 3 whales on this ground & seen plenty of them. farther to the N E, 6 oclock took in sail & while furling the fore topsail a Portugue fell from the yard overboard but being a good swimmer we saved him by throwing him a rope, weather growing better so ends the day

Man Overboard

9 Friday clear with a strong wind from the S W, standing on the starboard tack under double reefed main topsail & foresail, busy stowing down, sunset set the watch 82 bls, of oil in the ground tier, in a hurry for more

82 bbls in the ground tier

10 Saturday begins with clear weather with a good breeze from the S standing on the starboard tack with all sail set 2 E K S in sight, 4 P M gamed with the Pioneer, sunset saw a gam of right Whales lowerd down went on & missed them bad bad Lat 33,47



Barque, Pacific Cruising

Nov
11 Sunday bright & clear with no wind to speak of saw a plenty of fin backs & sulpher bottoms but no right whales, Monmouth & Pioneer in sight, the P made no sail the Capt being man, so ends another Sabbath

Sunday
Latt at 12 oclock 33,48 S, Lon 57

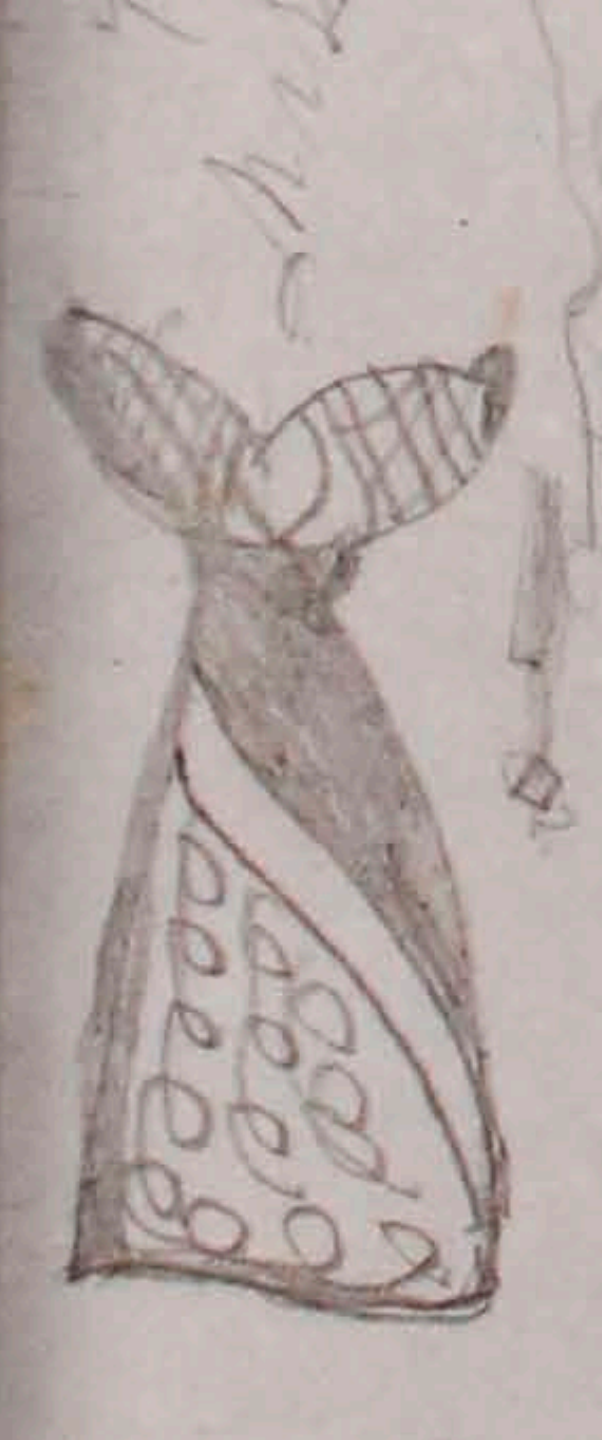
12 Monday strong winds from the N E with clear weather P.M. gamed with the Monmouth 5 oclock caught a porpoise sunset took in sail so ends

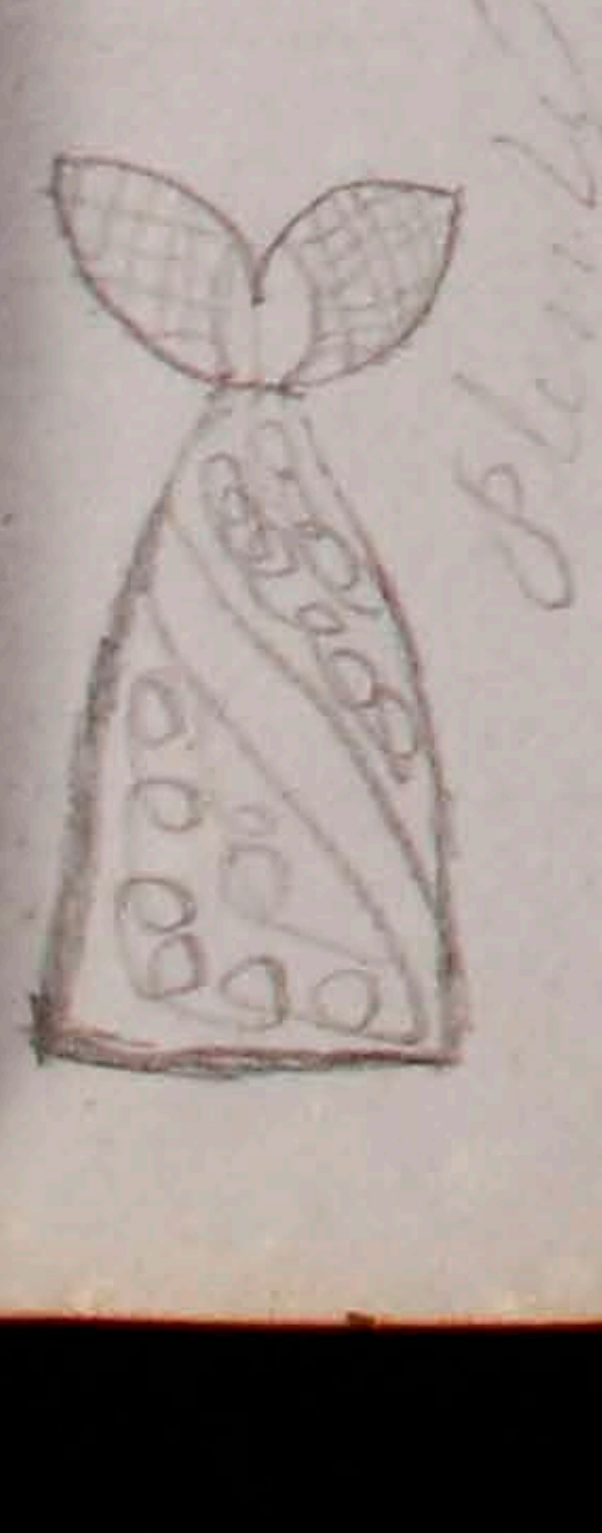
13 Tuesday begins with thick hazy weather with a strong breese from the S W, on the starboard tack under double reefed topsails 7 oclock saw a merchant Bk, running down for us, we hauled aback & down she came with a white signal at the mizzen peak with the name Eliza Carrow worked in red letters, he spoke us run across our stern & put his wheel hard down & luffed into us with every thing aback the fool, & then there was a smash up, carried away our spanker & boom the mizzen rigging stove 4 boats, the bow boat all to flitters smashed our davy & cranes & did other damages too numerous to mention, Leviathan above

For Right Whales Latt 3S.

13th Continued, broke two of his yards & stove his bulwarks in & it was a great pitty it did not sink him, all we learnt respecting her was that a dough head commanded her the craft oars & sail of the bow boat went with her & it left us in a pretty fix on whale ground & 4 boats stove, perhaps it is all for the best but it is hard to believe it, P M weather some better gammed with the Monmouth got up a forge & commenced mending boats so ends the day Lon 57,40

14th Wednesday very fine light winds from the S W very busy carpentering blacksmithing sailoring & breaking out plenty of work, but no fish except porpoises, hard times bad prospects & the day ends with black squalls Latt 34,29



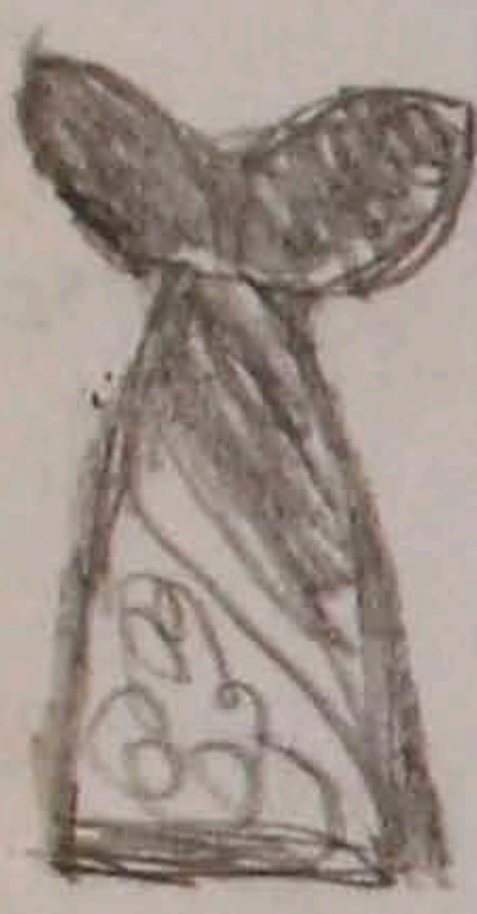


15th Thursday begins with clear weather & strong winds from the S W 10 A M raised a gam of right whales on the weather bow lowered down 3 boats & chased them to windard without success came on board & got dinner & lowered again plenty of whales in sight, Mate went on & missed another hard luck & bad work, sunset came on board & took in sail, Monmouth in sight to windard, wind blowing strong so ends
Latt S 34.18

Cruiseing for Wright Whales

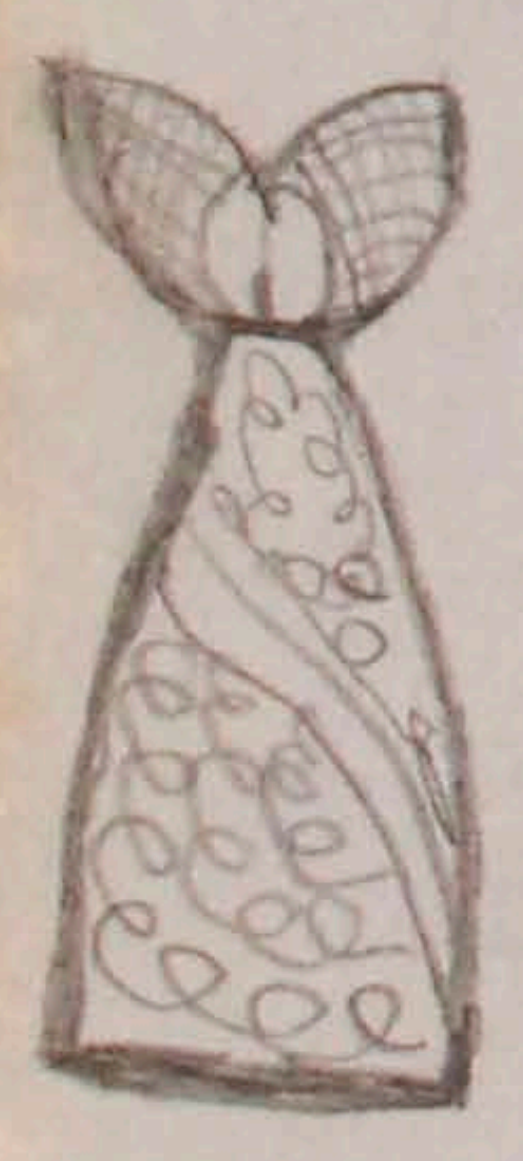
Nov 16 Friday blowing a gale of wind plenty of whales in sight but to rough to lower, made a spanker boom & got it out all hands carpentering. P M wind moderated saw the M to windard both ships under close reefed maintopsail & foresail so we end another day with sad

17 Saturday. strong winds from the N.W & very Rugged 10 A M saw whales lowered 3 boats but could not catch them they were going to windard so fast P M bent the spanker & fitted boats saw the M to windard



18 Sunday morning comes hazy weather & not a breth of wind Monmouth close too us & A M Capt went on board of her for a gam part of her crew had knocked off duty for some reason or rather dont know what P M calm calm calm

19 Monday very pleasant with a very light breese, got a new boat out on the bow cranes very busy fitting the mizzen rigging & carpendering blacksmithing &c 10 A M saw a right whale & lowered 3 boats but did not see him again, saw the M boats down but did not strike P M light winds from East Latt 34 05



In the Indian Ocean Latt 34 Long 69

Nov 11
20 Tuesday begins with thick rainy weather with light winds from the S,, 8 oclock spoke the Catherine & had a gam, she had taken 3 whales since we last saw her, the last one in the blubber room, P M fine weather, & ends with fogg

21 Wednesday,, begins with fog & a light breeze from the NE steered off SW, but saw no fish, saw the Mo & C, to windard gaming, hard times & poor pay, cant stand this long glad I have got no children crying for bread

22 Thursday begins with thick weather & some rain with a strong breeze from the SW 7 A M saw a whale going to windard lowered 3 boats for him, but he left, P M weather some better ship under double reefed topsails, bad prospects ahead but grin & bear it you would come a whaling, we want oil & must & will have it some time

23 Friday, hazy weather with Light winds from the South saw some fin backs & porpoises caught one
Latt 34,04 Lon 61,19 E

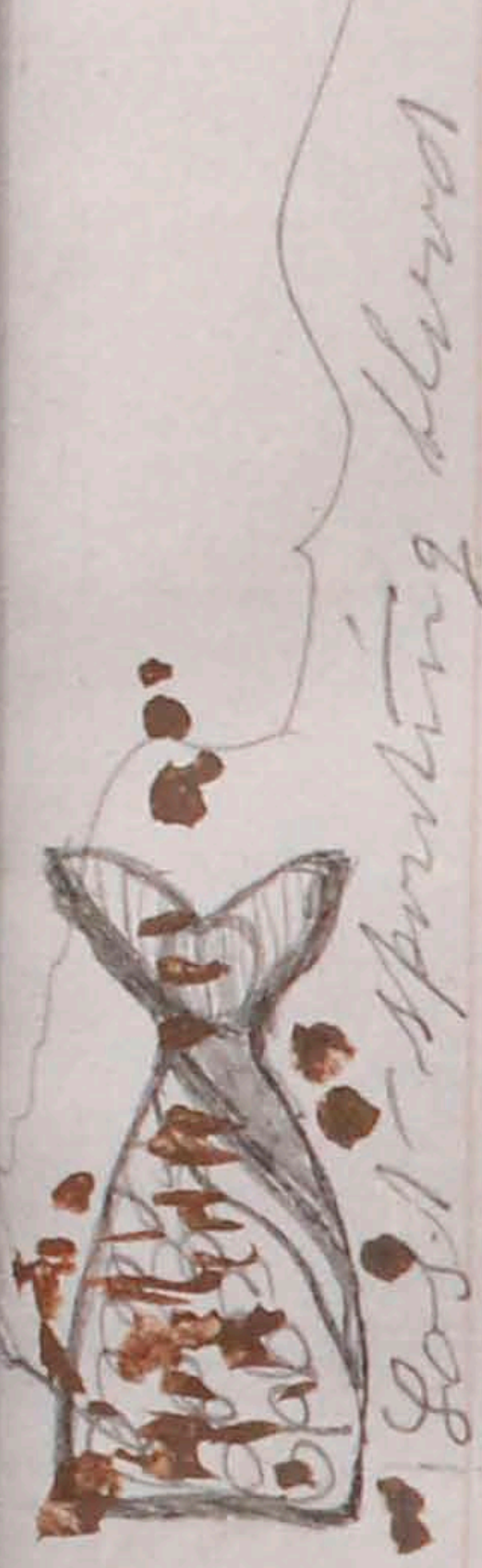
Cruiseing for Right Whales

Nov 24 Saturday fine weather & a good breeze, from the West steering ESE, all sail set, no whales to be seen, hope the Capt is tired of this ground for I am & want to get to a better, hard times & homesick no medicine. so closes another week, Latt 34, Lon 63,

25th Sunday fine but calm all day nothing in sight, 4 months from home & what luck it frightens me to think of it (Latt South 34,46) Lon East 64,50

26 Monday fine weather with a good breeze from NE steering ESE with all sail set no whales to be seen tearing down the Cabin pantry to make a dining room 6 P.M. took in sail

27th Tuesday fine with a strong breeze from NE ship under reefed topsails steering ESE saw nothing to day hard times, building a dining cabin, for we eat if we dont catch oil, In the Indian Ocean.



Nov 28th Wednesday, begins with clear weather with a strong breeze from NE, 6 A.M. saw 2 right whales lowered down 3 boats & struck one, he ran to windard awhile & took one line & part of another then cut off on account of foul line, the whale was spouting blood at the time he kept on going to windard & we after him till 11 A.M. & then went on board & got breakfast & beat the ship to windard & then tried him again but without success, such is the whalemans luck, 2 P.M. lost sight of him soon after saw a shoal of blackfish & lowered but without success. so it goes & who can help it, sunset took in sail & set the watch, so ends the day Latt, 35,40,,

29th Thursday, begins with thick rainy weather, looking for the dead fish, & building a dining room P.M. weather some better almost a calm,, cant see any thing of our whale haid hard but grin & bear it

30th, Friday begins with fogg & some rain & very little wind busy fixing the dining room P.M. clear & calm looking for the dead whale but did not see him 6 oclock saw grampuses but nothing more sunset took in sail Latt 35,50,

Cruiseing for Wright whales

Dec first Saturday fine with a nice breese from the NW, steering to the SE, with all sail set saw fin backs & porpoises, painted the dining room & one boat sunset took in sail & laid all night with the main yard aback. latt 35,30,

second Sunday good weather with a very strong breese from the SW steering SE, with main top g sail lost & caught 2 porpoises sunset took in sail Latt 35,36 south Lon 72,26 East

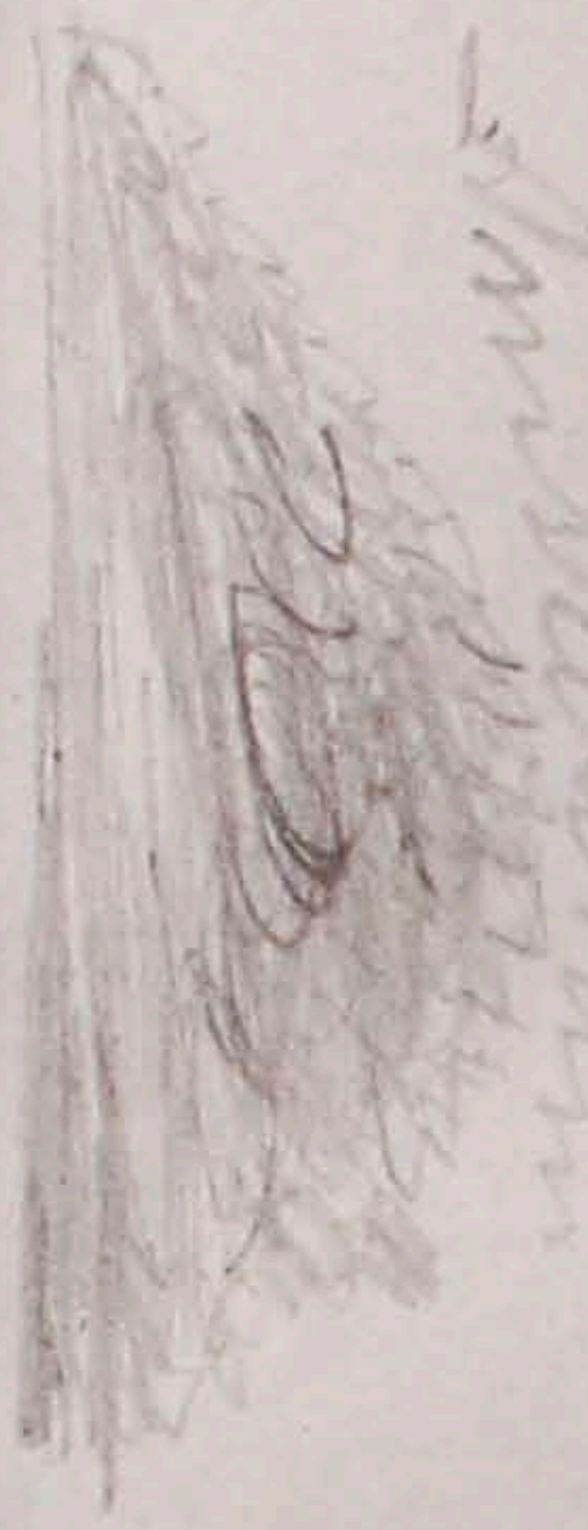
3 Monday good weather with a good breese from the South, standing on the starboard tack with all sail set saw nothing 7 P M set the watch whole watches Latt 36,21 Lon 74,09,

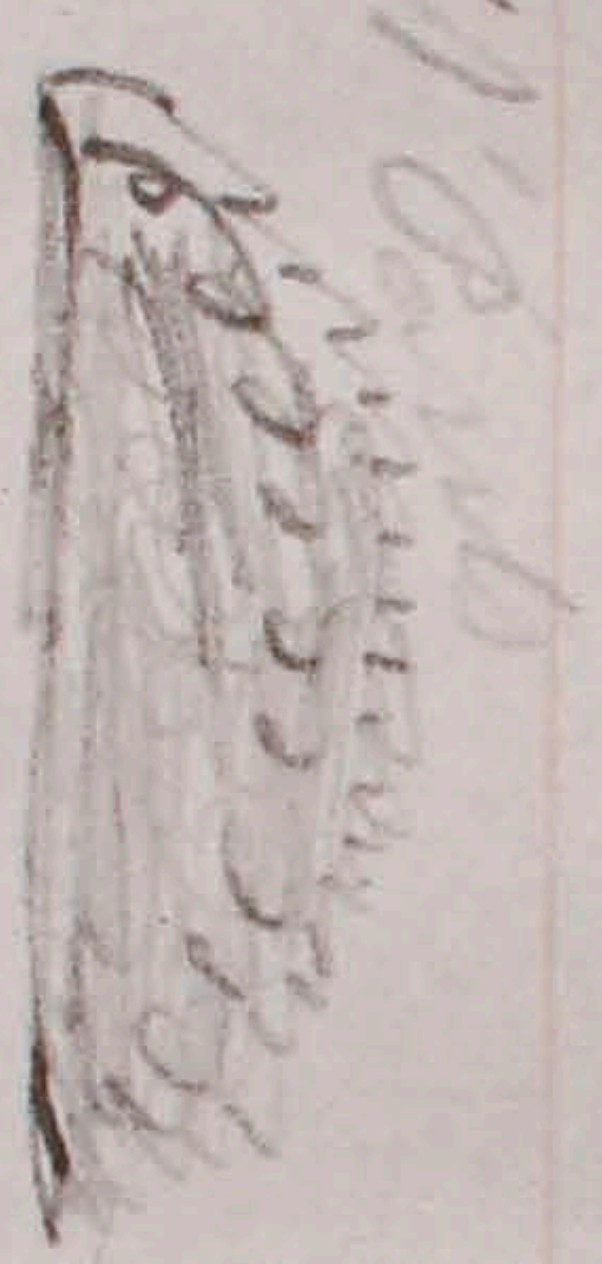
4th Tuesday begins with calm hazy weather rigged a logg line P M light breese from the North steering SSE, whole watches & carring sail nights so we end

5th And Wednesday fine weather with a good breese from the West steering SSE 9 A M saw a large merchantman steering E 4 P M saw the Ile of Amsterdam sunset took in sail, set to windward of it, think of going a fishing in the morn

In the Indian Ocean

Dec 6th Thursday clear with a light breeze from N.E., called all hands at daylight & got breakfast & then lowered 3 boats & sailed in to the shore & tied our boats up to some kelps & went to fishing, saw some wild goats on the cliffs & the remains of a wreck on the rocks, 11 oclock went on board with about 8 bbls of fish P.M. calm, cleaned & salted our fish, 7 oclock got a light breeze & kept her off for St. Pauls Island which lies 55 miles Sth from Amsterdam, standing whole watches,





7th Friday begins with thick cloudy weather & a good breeze from N.E., daylight saw the land ahead & one sail broke out water, 7 oclock saw 2 right whales, got breakfast & lowered 3 boats & chased to windard without success 2 more whales came along by the ship, lowered away the other boat & 4 boats chased them to windard without success came on board reefed the topsails,, blowing strong shortly after saw the whales again lowered down 3 boats & went on top of one darted 2 irons against his back but had no effect soon after at one & pricked him, they then went to leward, went on again & darted 2 irons without success, came on board & got dinner, blowing & raining like fury, took our fish out & washed & salted them, boats crew watches

unlucky day

Hard luck 2 irons in fish

St Pauls Island Indian Ocean

Dec 8th Saturday begins with hazy weather with a good wind from N E, daylight made sail & headed her to the Southward soon after came in foggy, 12 oclock fog lift up & saw the Island ahead fog shut in again & we luffed to the wind on the Larboard tack 4 P M kept her off 9 points & run till sunset & then took in sail & set the watch so ends the day

9th Sunday begins with a gale of winds from N N E, with a quantity of rain, 12 oclock cleared up P M no rain but a strong breese, ship under close reefed main topsail, standing quarter watches so ends this Sabbath. Latt 38 53

10th Monday gale of wind 6 oclock A M kept her off before it steering S S E, with close reefed fore & main topsail & foresail P M gale increased, 4 oclock took in foresail fore topsail & hove her too on the Larboard tack, get supper & set the watch so ends the day Latt 39 09 South

Hard times, & homesick
Oh if I was at home to night
I think I would stay thare

11th Tuesday strong breese all day carrying double reefed topsails steering S E saw a brig going to N E sunset luffed to wind took in sail set the watch Latt 39 10 Lon 82 26
broke out the run lots of fresh meats spoiled, turkey for din

Cruisering for Wright whales

Dec 12th Wednesday clear with a good breeze from W, made all sail & stood to S S E, & A.M. saw 2 whales going to windard quick, supposed to be wright whales did not chase them saw plenty of finbacks, got up some new main topsail lifts, P M luffed to wind on the S, tack 6 oclock wore round, whole watches so ends this day, may the nxt be better,

13th Thursday hazy weather with a good breeze from N W, steering E S E with all sail set to get out of this & have some luck if there is any for us, broke out the fore hold for water, & coopered bread & flour saw plenty of finbacks, Oh times are hard & wages low, plenty to eat & drink & to smoke but no oil Latt, 39,50 South Lon 8676 East

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14th Friday clear weather with a good breeze from N W steering E S E all sail out going 10 knots by the Log, standing whole watches, so ends another day

15th Saturday clear weather with a good breeze from the North. steering East bent a topmast studding sail & set it. so ends this week, Latt 38,46, Lon 94,30

Bound for the coast of

Dec 16th Sunday begins with calm thick weather 4 oclock got a breeze from Sou= with some rain steered E by N saw blackfish & porpoises, P M wind very light, & so ends the day

17th Monday begins fine with a dead calm,, broke out the after hold for towline coffee, & beans unbent the flying jib & mended it & coiled some small lines P M got a breeze from the North steering E by N. with topmast studding sail out; so ends the day saw a sun fish

18th Tuesday hazy with a light breeze from the North steering E by N letting down the mizzen topmast rigging so as to stand mast heads there. saw nothing so ends the day

19th Wenesday very fine with light winds from N & W, steering E with top ma studding sail out & looking sharp for Sperm whales, saw one fin back a shoal of grampuses and porpoises, all hands making sennate
Latt 35, 35' South Lon 102, 30 East

20 Thursday good weather with a fine breeze from the Westerd steering East all hands employed making sennate

New Holland

Dec

21 Friday clear weather with a strong breeze from the S E. standing on the Starboard tack with all sail set saw one finback busy sailoring
Lat 34.46 Lon 105,

Dec
22d Saturday clear weather with a good breeze from the E, standing on the Larboard tack with all sail out saw nothing,, made a new ice track, & a platform to stand on before the try works in case we should have occasion to stand there, sunset took in sail & set a quarter watch
Lat 34,18, south

23 Sunday very fine with a good breeze from the S E, standing on the Starboard tack with all sail out saw nothing but grampuses, chickings and roast beef for dinner.. sunset tok in sail Lat 35,11 S, Lon 108,52

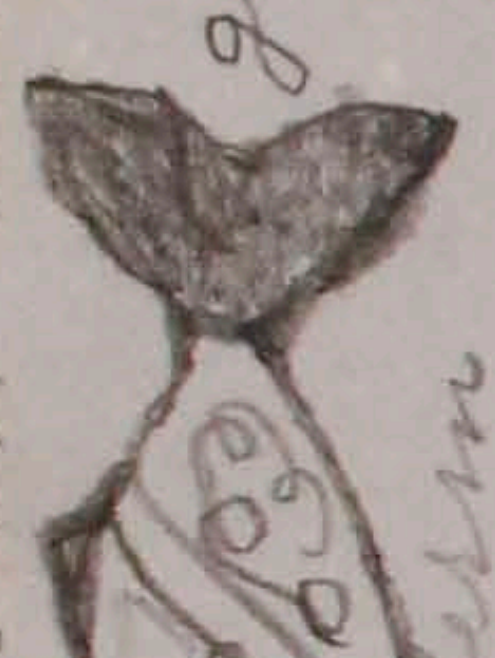
24 Monday splendid weather with a nice breeze from the S E, daylight made sail & stood along on the Larboard tack 11 oclock tacked ship & stood to E, saw grampuses & small fish & sun fish, busy sailoring standing whole watches so ends the day 5 months out & only 90 bbls, hard times, bad luck no helps for it
Lat 34,50 Lon 109,36 E,

5 months — out
& 90 bbls oh dear

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Dec 25th Christmas Tuesday splendid weather with a 6 knot breeze from the S steering S E by E with all sail out, made a new spencer gaff, & got it up & bent the sail standing whole watches, one sail in sight, so ends this day Christmas continued about an hour before sunset spoke the vessel proved to be the B K Columbus Capt Taylor of New Bedford 10 months out 100 bbls Sperm had a gam & found that she had seen whales here several times & struck one Sunday & lost him one boat stove had hard luck, lost 11 of her crew & the rest were mutinous had set fire to the ship once & cut some of the rigging &c just before sunset we saw 3 Sperm whales going to windard quick they went down & we saw them no more took in sail & set the watch Latt 35,36, Lon 111.48

Roast rooster green beans & port-wine for dinner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Sperm

26th Wednesday begins with cloudy weather with a light breeze from the N.W. the C in sight & a ther brig about 9 AM began to blow like fun with some rain & we soon had a gale of wind & hove her too under a close reefed main topsail & At weather moderated some set foresail & foretopsail wind hauled to S.W. saw some jumpers & another sail so ends this day a blowing Latt 35,20 Lon 112

Eng ther brig

Dec 27th On the coast of New Holland

Thursday begins with good weather with a good breese from the W, & a bad sea on, beating to windard with main top G sail out all hands engaged in making a main spencer, saw a large merchantman standing to the North, so another day is about to close without seeing a fish
Latt 34,38 Lon 111,40

28th Friday very fine with wind from South, Standing on the starboard tack, with all sail out, broke out the fore hold for water & finished the main spencer & bent it, saw grampuses & small fish caught one ship jack, sunset took in sail set the watch & wered ship
Latt 35,00, Lon 112,48

29th Saturday very pleasent indeed, fine breese from S, all sail set, working to windard, busy tinkering & looking sharp for whales, saw a merchant barkare bound to the N W so another week is about to close & no oil, oh dear, it is enough to kill a fellow, but so it is.
Lat 35,40 Lon 112,16 struck a porpoise

30th Sunday begins with fine weather & a strong breese from the South ship under whole topsails on the S tack, saw porpoises P M saw the land & a ship to windard double —

Jan First 1856 New year

On the Coast of New Holland

Jan first Tuesday fine weather with a good breese from the S beating to windard 3 ships in sight. 8 A M the A Houghton of fall River Capt Marvel came down to us & had a gam, 30 months out 70 bbls, had seen no whales on this ground, sunset took in sail so ends the day

Sec Wednesday hasy weather with a gale of wind from the S, E, working to windard & running off the S & A H in sight & one other Barque Latt 35,08 Lon 114,55

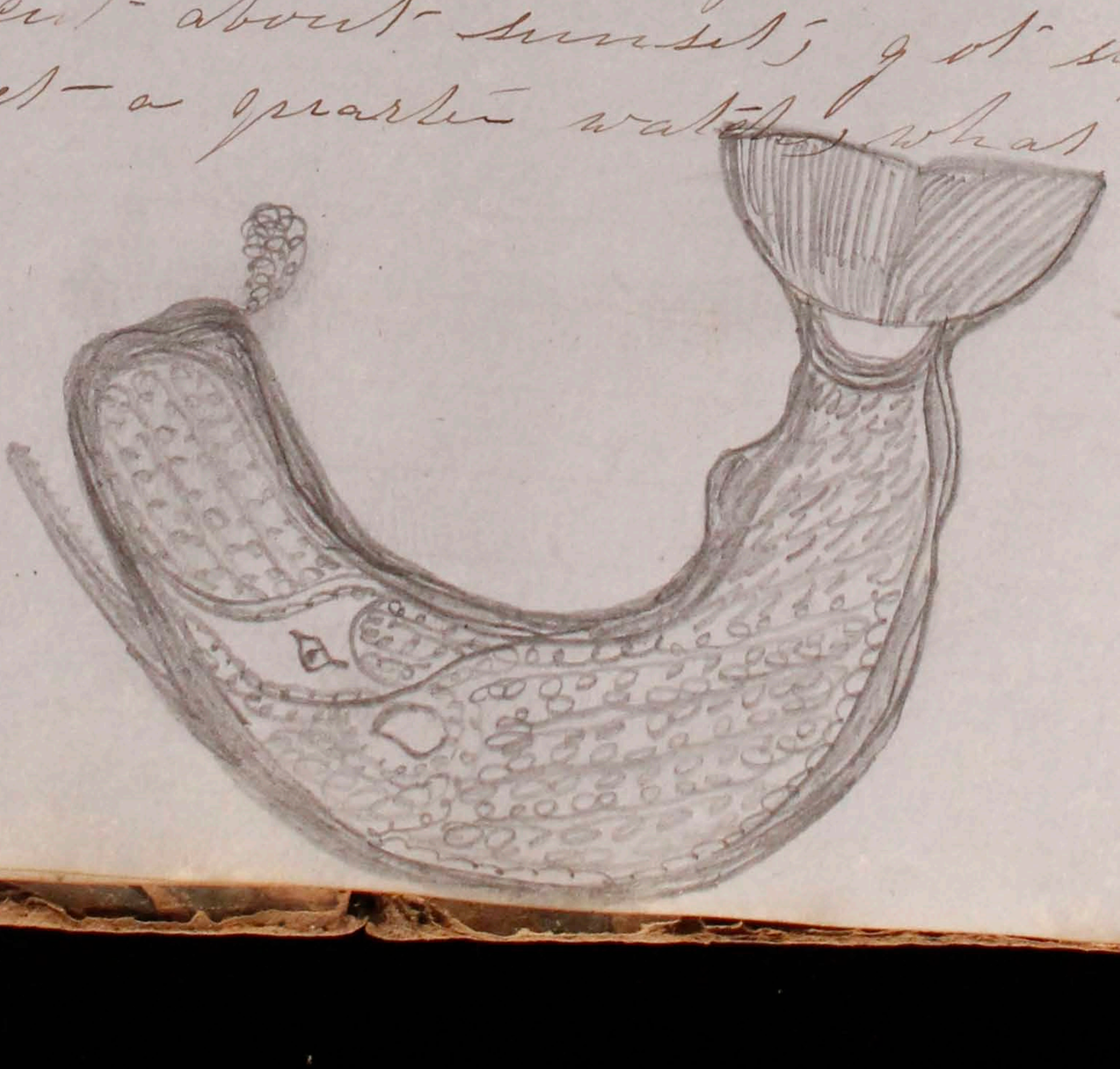
Third Thursday gale of wind from the S E lying too under close reefed main topsail the A H in sight, standing quarter watches

4th Friday gale of wind from S E lying too & standing quarter watches Latt 35,43, Lon 113,50

5th Saturday fine weather with a rough sea on & a good breese from the S E daylight made sail & stood to S E 8 oclock A M saw Sperm whales to windard coming to leward hauled aback & got boats ready, the A Houghton on our lee bow tacked & stood toward us. whales came up astern lowered 4 boats & went after them, the A H lowered her boats soon after, about 10 oclock our starboard

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

Jan 5th Continued,, boat struck a large whale, waist boat struck him soon after & the Larboard boat in going on was badly stove & away the whale went to windard with 2 boats ship picked up the stove boat & then made sail after the fast ones, 12 oclock the A H took her whale along side ours still going to windard with a gam of loose ones the boats having so much foul line they cant get up to him at last he started to sound & the second mates line got foul round his leg upset his boat & took him & one man down, he cut the line & escaped with a trifling wound but the man had his hand badly cut with a lance the starboard boat picked him up & then went on & killed the whale ship picked up the boat & broke her in two in taking her up, got the whale along side & got ready to cut about sunset, got supper & set a quarter watch, what luck



On the Coast of New Holland

Jan 6th Sunday begins with fine weather & light winds from S E, commenced cutting the A H in sight a boiling 12 oclock Capt Marbel came on board to dinner, had roast beef & mutton string beans green corn fish & the fixings & M finished cutting & got the case into casks, strong breeze standing try watches so ends this day

7th Monday fine with a good breeze from S E, boiling a dry skin,, Oh what luck, the A H in sight & one other ship, & M the ship came down to us & proved to be the 'Twilight' of New Bedford Capt Gouthy 17 months out 800 S,O,, Capt Gashore sick had got 2 whales on this ground the mate came on board & got his letters

8th Tuesday fine wind strong, boiling, went on board the T- & got some potatoes & yams,...

9th Wednesday good weather, wind from S E, boiling, 3 Ships in sight, & A M spoke the Elisha Dunbar of New Bedford 14 months out 270 bbls Sperm Capt Dickson came on board for letters & stopped all day

10th Thursday clear with a strong breeze from S E, cooled down, whale turned up 76 bbls, washed off & began to repair the S boat the E D in sight astern, sunset took in sail & set the watch

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Jan
11th " Friday fine weather & nice breeze
from the West; very brisk stowing down
& repairing boats, put 71 bbls in the
ground tier.. one sail in sight
so ends this day Latt 35,28

12th Saturday very pleasant indeed
with light airs from SW Land
in sight, broke out between decks
for shook heads finished one
boat & painted her,, washed off
& so ends this eventful week
(what luck)

13th " Sunday very fine wind SW saw
5 sails 12 oclock spoke ship
Congress of New Bedford Capt Kelley
& wife 17 months out 1100 W 900 Sp
soon after spoke James Allen
of N B, & H H Crapo of Dartmouth
Capt Devol & Baker, the J, A 7
months out clean & the H.C, 19
out & 150 Sp, heard from Helen
Augusta 14 months out clean
(hard whaling) gammed till 10
P M so ends this day Latt 35,35'

14th " Monday very fine good wind
from SSW A M saw 5 sails P M
gammed with the H C Crapo 5 oclock
saw a whale spout 3 times &
saw him no more saw porpoises
sunset took in sail

On New Holland

Jan 15th Tuesday fine with light winds from SW all sail set Capt S, on board the Crapo,, been on board all night,, 5 ships in sight spoke the J, A,, saw black fish & porpoises, a. sun fish & skip jack
Lon 114,29. 35,,30

16th Wednesday beautifull weather wind SW, 4 sails in sight, busy mending boats, coopering sailoring & tinkering, 8 oclock spoke the Monmouth & had a gam, she had taken 40 bls, sp, since we last saw her, sunset took in sail for the night so ends the day

17th Thursday very fine wind S, saw the AG Houghton & a brig,, engaged in repairing damages, Latt 35,20, Lon 113,29

18th Friday, very fine with light variable airs 5 ships in sight A M broke out the main hold for water & flour P M saw blackfish lowered down & got 4 & cut them latter part of the day calm & so ends

19th Saturday fine with a good breese from NE, steering to the E, with all sail out, engaged in boiling blackfish, saw 4 sails P M cooled down & washed off so ends this week
3 bls B K
Latt 35,26 Lon 114,24

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Jan 20th Sunday very fine with a strong breeze from S.W. steering N.W. saw blackfish 5 P.M. saw a ship to leeward ran down found it to be the Hunter Capt Munroe 13 months out 200 bls whale. Latt 35,35' Lon. 114,4

21st Monday very fine indeed wind S.W., Land in sight saw a shoal of killers & 3 ships

22 Tuesday very pleasant with a good breeze from S., A.M. steering to westard saw 2 sails, 4 P.M. kept her off before the wind, 6 oclock saw whales comeing to windard, lowered down & at sunset saw them 3 miles to windard of the ship so ends another day

23 Wednesday thick smoky weather with a very strong breeze South daylight set double reef at topsails 6 oclock kept her off before the wind for Geograph bay,, 11 A.M. saw the land ahead, ran down along the land till 4 P.M. & then it was so thick we luffed to & stood off shore & on till 3,oclock

24 Thursday thick hazy with baffling winds,, daylight made sail & worked up the bay with the James Allen & F.H. Crapo, 7 oclock came to anchor in a lovely spot with 6 ships furled the sails & set an anchor watch

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In Geographe Bay at Anchor

Jan 25. Friday very pleasant indeed all hands engaged in breaking out; & coopering bread & flour,, Capt ashore,, alls well #

26 Saturday fine, busy getting off water

27 Sunday all hands on board writing letters

28 Monday Starboard watch ashore & the other watch stowing down water & getting casks on shore

29 Tuesday Larboard watch on liberty & the rest filling water & rolling it down to the beach,

30th Wednesday all hands on board stowing water coopering bread & flour. & getting casks on shore

31st Thursday all hands on board getting water & washing ship outside ...

Febr first Friday Starboard watch on shore & the Larboard watch washing ship inside

secd Saturday Larboard watch on liberty & the rest painting ship below the bulwarks

3rd Sunday all hands on board, raining like fun & blowing a gale of wind

In Geographe Bay

Feb

4th " Monday one watch on shore the other painting painting ship..

5th " Tuesday on Liberty & painting,, spree on board the James Allen.

Mothers birth day 42

6th " Wednesday on liberty & tarring down rigging

7th " Thursday liberty & tarring down & getting of potatoes

8th " Friday liberty & doing small jobs & ladies on board to trade

9th " Saturday the last day of liberty getting the Ship ready for sea

10th " Sunday very hot indeed all hands on board not a breath of air,
P M 3 ladies came on board

11th " Monday fine all hands engaged in washing boats getting off fresh meat & potatoes & getting ready for sea P M Ship Hunter came in had caught nothing since we saw her

12th " Tuesday morning hove short loosed topsails & waited till 11 oclock for the Capt & then got under weigh in company with the James Allen & 48 Crafts and beat out of the bay, the P taking the lead of course,, sunset J A 5 miles astern & the C kept off for swan river,, whole watches

Off the Coast of Australia

Feb 13th Wednesday good weather with a strong breese from S E, working to windard under double reefed topsails, the J. A. hull down 2 more ships in sight. saw jumpers & porpoises sunset took in sail & set quarter watches
Latt 33,32

14th " Thursday rough windy weather ship under reefed topsails, working to windard. one sail in sight,, employed in setting up rigging & some small jobs sunset took in sail –

15th " Friday squally with a strong breese from the S E, ship working to windard under reefed top sails.. P M saw 2 merchantman steering to N W.. 5 oclock gamed with B K, Columbus Capt Taylor had taken nothing since we saw her.. took in sail at sunset & set the watch
Lon 114..28, Latt 35,00..

Sisters birth day 24

16th " Saturday quite pleasent for the place wind S E, beating to windard with main top G sail out, employed in making spun yarn painting boats, & puting on chafing gear.. B K C in sight & one merchantman

17th " Sunday clear with wind S E, daylight made all sail.. 10 oclock wind increased took in light sails & doubled reefed the topsails & soon after furled the mainsail P M spoke the C.. at 4 oclock squared the yards & kept her N till sunset took in sail & luffed too Latt 35,34

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Feb
18th Monday good weather with light winds from S E, all sail set A M working to windard, P M steering off Saw one sail ..

19th Tuesday very fine wind light from the S, all sail out working to windard & running off but saw nothing that looked like a whale saw the Columbus going to windward Latt 35,29,

20th Wednesday clear at times & at times raing wind S E as usual all sail out A M working to windward saw one sail) very busy picking over potatoes P M kept her off to the Westard 7 oclock spoke the E Dunbar had taken one whale since we saw her ..

21st Thursday fine with light baffling winds the most of the day engaged in mending the foresail P M gamed with the E D., later got a strong breeze from the S E, run off W till sunset & then luffed to on the Larboard tack

22 Friday clear with half a gale from S E Ship under & close reefed top sails & foresail on the Starboard tack very busy making a main top G sail out of a mizzen topsail, saw nothing, dry times these & no fish

On the Coast of New Holland

Feb

23 Saturday haze weather with a good breeze from S.E, A M ship under reefed topsails on the L tack,, finished the main top G sail & bent it P M made sail & steered N, saw one sail

24th Sunday thick hazy weather with a very strong wind from S E steered N all day under 2 reefed topsails & foresail,, saw porpoises struck one & lost him. Latt 34,40 so ends this week

25th Monday blowing a gale of wind from S.S.E. lying too under a close reefed main topsail all day all hands in the cabbin mending

26th Tuesday hazy with a S W wind very hot, steering N W. painting & sailoring, P M gaming with the Monmouth so ends the day

27 Wednesday good weather but very rough strong breeze from S. ship under close reefed topsails steering N saw the, M running off P M saw a ship supposed to be the Hunter

28th Thursday hazy with a good wind from S. steering N by W with all sail out all hands very busy doing nothing saw one sail.. J G D birth day Latt 32,10, Lon 110,15' so ends the day

Birth day 22

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Feb 29th Friday hazy weather with a strong breeze from S very rugged steered off all day to the N saw nothing & did nothing but small jobs this is sperm whaling, Latt 30,,40 Lon 110,30

March first. Saturday very pleasent indeed for the place,, nice breeze from the south & very smooth steered N W all day but saw nothing as usual,, sent down the Spanker & repaired it & bent it,, washed off decks & now are ready for the sabbath, so closes this week & with heavy hearts we resign ourselves to fate & trust in Providence

Latt 30,,00 Lon 109,55

Sec Sunday pleasent with a fine breeze from South. A M got a lunar observation saw a shoal of porpoises P M breeze very strong steering to the N W with Main top G sail out so goes annother sad & lonely day with prospects no brighter then a week ago Oh what will become of the Pacifics crew

Latt 29.23, Lon 109.30

3rd ,, Monday hazy weather with a good breeze from S steered to the N W all day sent down the fore top sail & bent an old one after mending it saw nothing

On the coast of New Holland

March
4th ,, Tuesday Clear weather with a strong breeze from S E ship under double reefed topsails steering to the W, struck a porpoise & lost him such is our luck ...

5th ,, Wednesday good weather but no whales, wind S E working to windward with all sail set, saw a large merchant ship steering to the N W,, killed a pig

6th ,, Thursday very pleasent with a good breeze from S, standing to the E with Main top G sail out, doing nothing seeing nothing & earning nothing & eating roast Pig,,, so goes this day

7th ,, Friday very fine indeed with a light breeze from S standing to the West all day with all sail set,, sent in the jib & bent annother old one, saw a bird in a state of starvation. after sunset saw a shoal of porpoises ...

8th ,, Saturday warm & pleasent with light & baffling winds, very busy mending an old main top sail. saw a peace of squid & some Grampuses,, prospects look doubtful so ends this week Latt 28,00 Lon 107,,17

Cruising for Sperm Whales

March 9th Sunday clear hot & calm all day with no church to go to.. no Girls to see & nothing to do but to read & so passes the day but evening comes bringing with it many recolections of the past,, scenes of school boy days & youthful pleasures will rush across our mindes & silent & sad we retire to our berths to dream of home & its sweets, Latt 28 13 —

10th Monday very fine indeed, daylight saw a sail to windard,, finished maintopsail & bent it sent in jib & cut it over & bent it P.M. Ship Congress ran down to us & had a gam, had taken 50 bls since we saw her, sunset took in sail for the night wind South so ends this Day —

11th Tuesday hazy rainy foggy wet weather with light winds from Sou. A.M. broke out water & throwed all our St Patrils fish overboard for they were spoiled. P.M. weather a very little better. 3 oclock saw whales apparently gallied going all ways we tried to get run of them but could not so we lowered away 4 boats & went after them,, Waist boat went on & struck, but drawed Starboard boat went on & annother about 5 P.M., & turned him up & got him along side about dark

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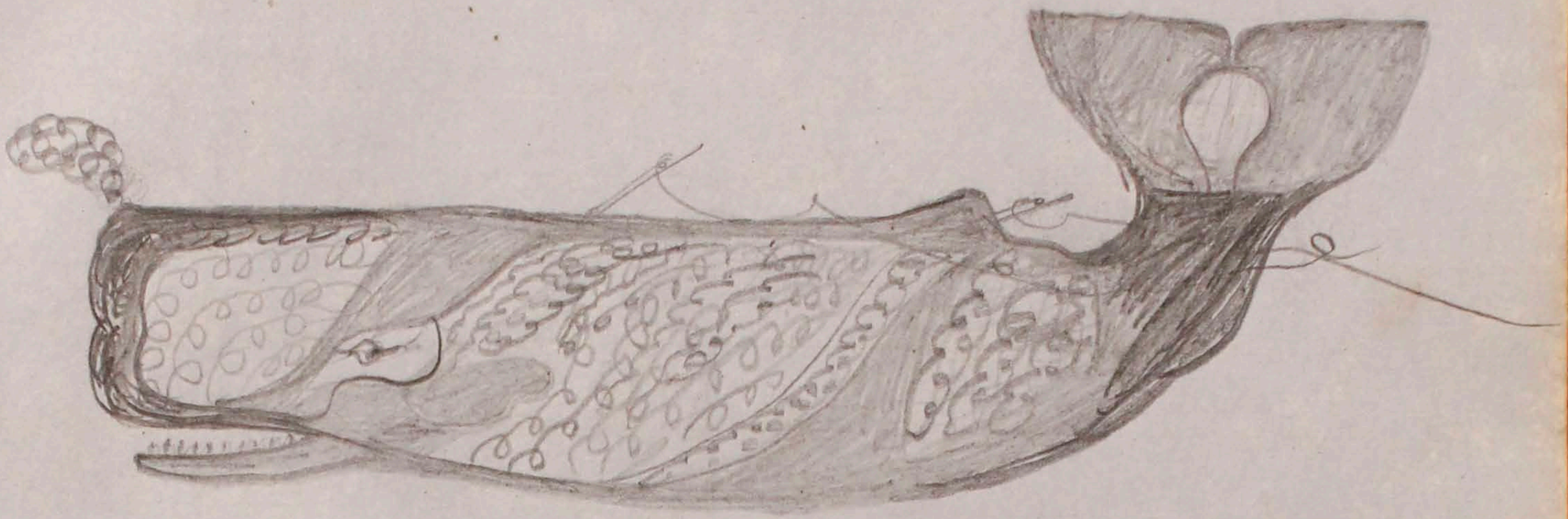
On New Holland

March

11th continued & put the big flukes chain on him saw the C to windard



61 bls

12th/55 Wednesday very fine with a stiff breeze from South commenced cutting at 7 A.M. & finished at 11, P.M. cleared away the case & jaw & started the try works saw the C to windard chasing whales & a barque cutting ,, standing try watches ,, ~

13th/55 Thursday boiling with rough weather & a strong breeze from S., saw the Congress & Pioneer cutting & another sail in sight to windard

14th/55 Friday fine weather with a good breeze from S., boiling saw the Congress & a barque to windard 3 P.M. raised whales to leward coming to windard lowered 3 boats but saw them no more finished boiling turned up 65 bls ...

15th/55 Saturday very fine light breeze from South main top G sail out working to windard saw the C & a Barque to windard ,, P.M. killed a Pig

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

March 16th 55 Sunday very fine with light airs from South all sail out heading to the westard saw B K Pioneer lying under easy sail being a sabbath man for Capt S P McCalm

17th 55 Monday fine weather with a light breese from south very busy stowing down with all sail out working to windard evening gamed with the Pioneer, She had got a 50 bbl whale

18th 55 Tuesday good weather with a fine breese from S W, 10 oclock kept her off & run off all day evening Spoke the Congress & gamed she had taken 2 whales that made 120 bls

19th 55 Wednesday clear weather with half a gale of wind from the S Ship under double reefed topsails & foresail heading to the W, saw the C & Pioneer under short sail — Latt 22,15 Lon 105 32

20th 55 Thursday clear weather with a fresh breese from S E working to windard with Main top G sail set saw the C to windard & the Pioneer to leward

Latt 22,30 Lon 105,36

On the Coast of New Holland

March

21st/55 Friday cloudy weather with half a gale from S.E. ship under double reefed topsails working to windward saw the Congress & Pioneer so ends this day

22nd/55 Saturday hazy weather with a strong breeze from S E ship under double reefed topsails on the wind, heading to the E, saw a merchant brig steering to S. W., Latt 28,15' Lon 106,,45'

23rd/55 Sunday fine weather with a good breeze from S E, ship under whole topsails heading to S W. 12 oclock spoke & gammed with B.k Serpentine 15 months out 120 bls so,....

24th/55 Monday fine weather with a good breeze from SE ship on the wind with all sail out, saw one grampus just 8 months out to day with 230 bls

25th/55 Tuesday very fine indeed nice wind from S E ship standing to the E with all sail set busy picking over potatoes, 5 P M gammed with the Monmouth had seen nothing since we last saw her

Cruiseing on the Coast of

March 26th/55 Wednesday splendid weather with a fine breeze from (S W.. standing toward the East with all sail out saw nothing but the Monmouth & in the Evening gammed with them

27th/55 Thursday very fine indeed - heading to the East with all sail set, Monmouth coming astern, broke out 25 bbls of meat out of the after hatch & put it forward saw one merchant man..... Evening gammed with the Ionia Capt Randell 15 months out 150 bbls, Latt 28.30.. Lon 108,36

28th/55 Friday very fine indeed with a very light breeze from S W saw porpoises & skip jack, steering to the East all day evening gammed with the Monmouth

29th/55 Saturday begins with fine weather with a good breeze from N W steering to South with all sail out Monmouth astern, S W weather squally & a strong breeze Evening hauled round S W & blew a lying under close reefed main top sail

New Holland for Sperm Whales

March 30th Sunday blowing a gale from the southward lying to under closereefed maintopsail & reefed foresail, standing boats crew watches, got a lunar chronometer all right - Latitude 29,00, Lo 119

31st Monday very fine indeed with a good wind from S working to windard with all sail set, building a black smiths forge, 3 sails in sight evening gammed with the Canton Capt Cook 7 months out clean, got news from home but no letters.

April Tues-day beautiful weather with a light wind from S working to windard with all sail out at night spoke the Canton saw nothing Latt 28,43

Sec Wednesday splendid weather indeed light wind from S working to windard with all sail out - plenty of porpoises but could not catch one,, saw the C

Third Thursday very good weather & light southerly winds. saw plenty of porpoises, all hands crimshioning the Canton in sight,,,

Fourth Friday begins with good weather & light winds from S S W got a strong breeze from N E 4 sails in sight evening gammed with the Permela Capt C, 10 months out 325 bls So,, some rain & wind

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

April 5th 55 Saturday blowing a gale of wind from S W with some rain squalls lying too under close reefed main topsail saw 3 sails

6th 55 Sunday quite pleasant with a heavy swell on & a light breze from S W, gamming with the Pamela all day saw one other ~~whale~~ sail Latt,, 29,59

7th 55 Monday very fine A M calm latter part of the day a light breze from S W run off before it saw 2 sails saw a finback

8th 55 Tuesday cloudy with a strong S wester, sailing with the Pamela all day part of the time under double reefed topsails

9th 55 Wednesday blowing a gale of wind from S W, with some rain squalls, lying to under close reefed main topsail & foresail on the starboard tack Pamela in sight on our lee

10th 55 Thursday blowy squally weather from S W, with a heavy swell lying too, P in sight. Latt 28,12

On the Coast of New Hollan

April 11th Friday fine weather & a good breeze from S E, veri busy making a mizzen top mast stay sail evening gammed with the Pamela

12th Saturday rugged weather wind from S E, Ship under double reefed topsails the P in sight & one other sail ,, finished the stay sail & bent it

13th Sunday fine weather with a strong breeze from S E double reefed top sails sailing with the Pamelia P M gammed with the James Allen & P,, the J A 11 months out & clean, Latt 27,55,.

14th Monday rough with the wind S E standing to the E all day with double reefed topsails the J A & P in company saw some sulpher bottoms

15th Tuesday blowing a gale of wind from S E, lying too under close reefed main top sail the J A & P under our lee Latt 27,40 ,, ,,

16th Wednesday blowing a gale of wind from S E, lying too under a close reefed main top sail Latt 28,13

17th Thursday blowing blowing blowing gamming with the James Allen Latt 28,30

Cruising for Sperm Whales

April 18th Friday blowing strong from S E, the J A & P in sight all hands scrimshawing

19th Saturday very strong breeze from the East, 6 o'clock A M saw a whale bound to windward supposed to be a sperm whale saw him no more, broke out butter & hams out of the after hatch, J A in sight - Latt 27,14

20th Sunday blowing from the S E all day the J A in sight both lying too under close reefed main topsail & foresail. so ends annother day the same as the last 12 have ended when good weather will come or whales it is impossible to say, we hope & pray for the best

21st Monday rough weather wind from S E Ship under close reefed top sails J A. in sight Latt 25, Lon 109

22d Tuesday fine fine time with a good breeze from the E Ship under whole topsails working to windard saw flying fish & some birds dying of starvathin evening gamming with the J A

On the Coast of New Holland

April 23rd Wednesday very fine indeed with a nice breeze from N E all sail set,, the first time for a month,, working to windward the J A under our lee,, moved the harness cask & scuttle butt— Saw porpoises

24th Thursday very fine & calm the fore part of the day, P M light breeze from S E, sent down the main topsail & mended it — J A in sight,, saw porpoises grampuses dolphin & birds quite lively

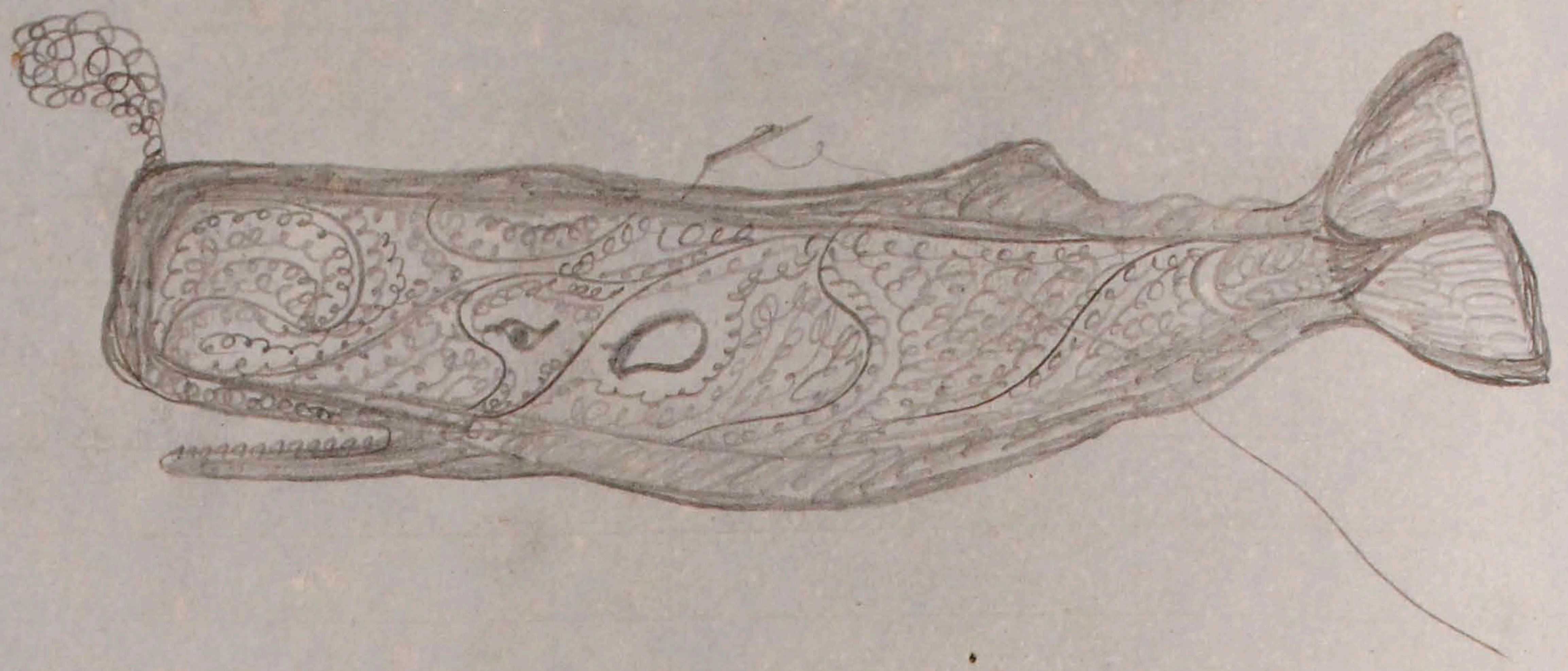
25th Friday very fine with the S E trade winds blowing steering off to the N saw small fish & the James Allen.. had a gam

26th Saturday beautifull weather steering to the N in company with the J A broke out for water & coopered some head evening gammed with the J A & Pioneer,,

27th Sunday fine with a good breeze steering to the N with main top G sail out 8 oclock raised Sperm whales going quick to leeward lowered down our boats & the J A did the same,, our waist boat struck & he was soon killed, we chased the rest of them to leeward but could not get any, came on board & cut him in Spoke the P with all sail

Cruising for Sperm Whales

April



28th/55 Monday very fine & very warm boiling the head ,,, James A to windward . --

29th/55 Tuesday pleasant & hot finished boiling turned up 57 bbls saw the Barque E Dunbar . ..

30th/55 Wednesday very fine indeed with a light breese the most of the day, steering off to the N busy cleaning the pots & deck! 2 o'clock P M raised the James Allen a whaling, steered for her but the wind being light we did not reach her

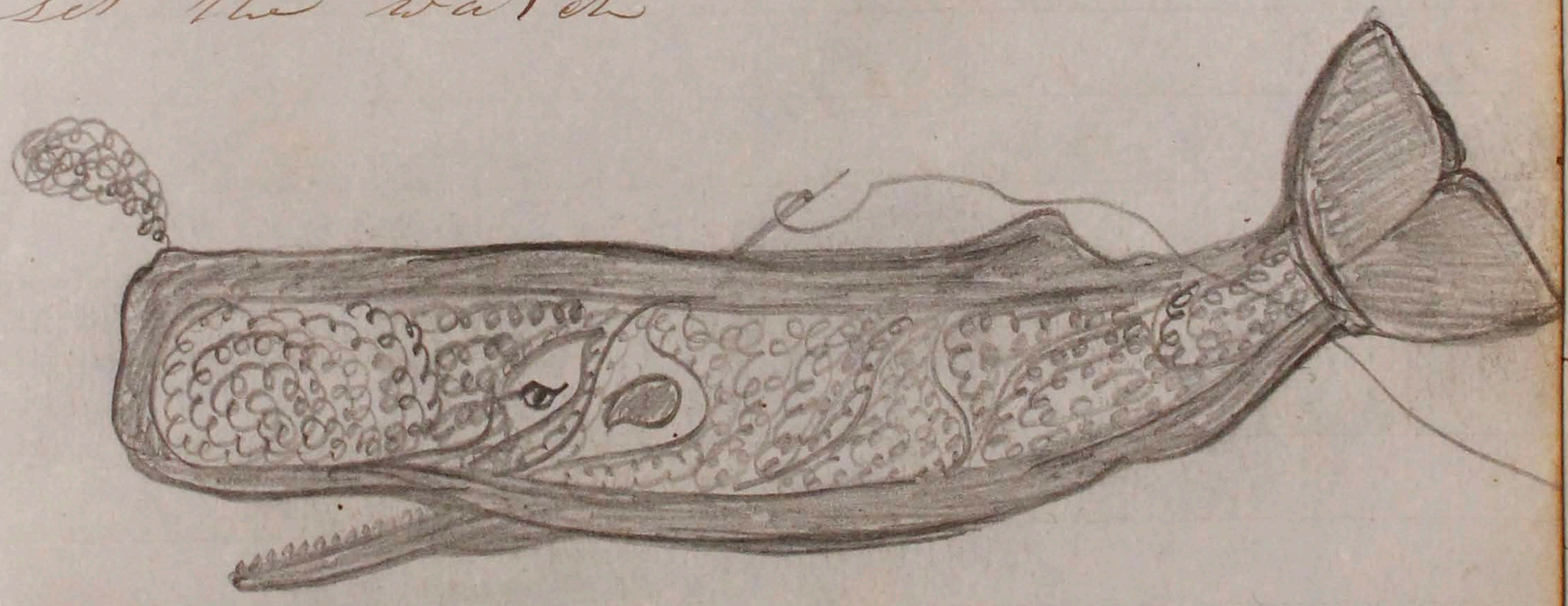
May first Thursday clear weather with strong breezes ship under double reefed topsails very busy stowing down in the main hatch saw nothing

On the Coast of New Holland

May Sec Friday very fine with a good breeze looking sharp for Sperm Whales but saw nothing, evening gammed with the James Allen saw 5 sails

Third Saturday very fine plenty of sails in sight but no whales evening gammed with the James Allen ......

4th 55 Sunday very fine indeed with a fresh breeze from S.E, steering to the West with all sail out in Company with the J A 2 oclock raised Sperm whales, lowered down & Starboard boat struck turned him up & got him along side & set the watch



Cruisering for Sperm Oil

May 5th 55 Monday very rugged & squally fluke chain parted in veering ship got him along side again & made fast with 2 fluke chains & a hawser & commenced cutting, & with cut & jammed fingers & broken noses we got his body in before dark & about 8 o'clock in the evening the head chain parted & we lost it .. hard work & poor pay ....

6th 55 Tuesday fine weather & wind light & winds boiling with a watch below & saw 2 sails

7th 55 Wednesday splendid weather wind very light driving the tryworks & blubber very fat evening finished boiling

8th 55 Thursday very pleasent with calms & light baffling winds clearing up the decks & saw several sails & M. gammed with the James Allen & Massasoit of Mattapoisett Capt Handy 25 months out 500 bls SO Latt 21 50 Lon 110 0

On Sharks Bay New Holland

May 9th 51 Friday fine with light winds from S E, steering of to the N W & very busy stowing down saw finbacks jumpers dolphin & birds, looking very sharp for Sperm whales evening Spoke the Pioneer, she had seen nothing Latt 24,20..

bls 60

10th 51 Saturday clear with a strong breese from S E, Ship on the S tack double reefed main topsail & mainsail, took the fore topsail down to mend evening gamming with the Massasoit & bought 2 bls of beans,, killed a pig to day

11th 55 Sunday very pleasent with a good breese steering off to the S & W all day saw several finbacks one sail in sight.. had roast pig for dinner,, did not go to church to day nor get a sperm whale Latt 23,42

12th 55 Monday good weather with a strong breese from S E.. busy doing all sorts of jobs, &c, Bark Pioneer passed to leeward,, Kinsman sick & has been for 4 months... think he has the Consumption

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

May 13th 55 Tuesday clear but rugged Ship under double reefed top sails steering to the East quite busy doing odd jobs 12 oclock spoke B. K. Lyenton Capt Smith, had taken 40 bbls since we last saw him P M got a Lunar observation Latt 23,58, Lon 109,

14th 55 Wednesday beautifull weather with light breezes from S E very busy making spungarn saw dolphin black fish & other small fish ship working to windward with all sail out P M got a Lunar Lat 23 30 Lon 110 40

Saw Nones

15th 55 Thursday very fine with very light winds from N W steering S E with all sail out very busy fitting jib stays black smithing & scrimshoning & other small jobs, killed 3 turpins that we got out of B. K. Massasoit, saw black fish Sun fish fin back & small fish, but no Sperm whales, looking very sharp

No Whales

On Sharks Bay New Holland

May 16th F. Friday weather to good by half very hot & no wind to get anywhere with, broke out water from the main hatch nailed & painted the Lar board boat; one sail in sight..

17th S. Saturday homesick weather calm & light airs all day, enough to kill a ships company that have hard luck,, very busy fitting sling blocks fluke chains, putting on rattlings making spun yarn. scoop nets & painting boats thus annother week draws to a close & we have seen no whales things look dark, but keep up good courage & trust in Providence, there is a good time coming boys,, but I cant say when... one sail in sight, saw 2 sun fish so ends this day, & if we pass annother such a week as this there will be some sober faces on board the old S.,, Latt 24,04 , ...

I wish I were at home to night— for I fancy I am getting homesick

18th S. Sunday cloudy all day with a nice breeze from the E. all sail out working to windward, saw nothing,, evening weather looks like rain hope it will,, any thing for a change.. so ends annother sabbath..

green peas for dinner

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

May 19th/55 Monday fine weather with light winds from the N... sent down mizzen topmast staysail & made it larger,, saw nothing

20th/55 Tuesday cloudy raining squally weather with calms light winds & strong breezes from all quarters,, all hands busy scrimshoning saw nothing but one bird & a flying fish, great whaleing ground this....

21st/55 Wednesday horrible weather squally raining dirty & windy very busy employed making & taking in sail, heavy squalls from N W, dolphin & skip jack around the ship, caught one skip jack Latitude 24,51 L 110,30

Sorry looking set on board the old P. to day

22 Thursday raining cloudy weather with a strong breeze from the W & a very heavy swell busy scrimshoning,, saw nothing to day,, things look dark.... steering to the N & W Lat 24,08 Lon 109,40,

23rd Friday squally weather with the wind S W, ship under reefed topsails working to windard gammed with the Ann of Sag Harbor Capt Hamilton 5 months out 40 bbls 80 evening saw the John Cogshall of Fairhaven Capt had died 10 months 400 W

On the Coast of New Holland

May 24th Saturday wild rough squally weather with strong breezes from S E Ship under double reefed topsails &c ran off to the N, saw one finback & 2 sails, & so another weeks ends hard times these, plenty to eat & drink but no fish to catch,, thus time passes & we are growing old fast & when we shall be blessed with another whale it is hard to tell Latitude 24,36 Longitude by a Lunar 110,06

25th Sunday a gale of wind from S E. &c lying too under close reefed main topsail & foresail one sail in sight to windward &c steered off to the North had some heavy rain squalls very homesick Latitude 24,41 ....

Did not go to church to day

26th Monday very fine indeed with a good breeze from S E steering off to the N W with all sail set quite busy at all sorts of work saw nothing Latitude 24,25' .....

27 Tuesday weather so fine for comfor light airs from S E busy about the rigging &c killed the last pig for luck got a Lunar found the Chronometer all right evening gamed with the Ann saw finbacks & skip jacks

Latt 24,14

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

May

28 My/55 Wednesday clear & calm & light airs from S.E. saw plenty of dolphin caught one large one got a Lunar evening gammed with the Ann Latt 24,25' Longitude 109,38......

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29 My/55 Thursday very fine with light winds from N.E. standing to the N.W. saw plenty of finbacks & dolphin evening gammed with Ann,, got a Lunar Lon 109,41 ,, Lat 24,17.

30 My/55 Friday begins with with squalls from N.W. 3 sails in sight standing to the N.E. spoke ship Twilight Capt Tomkins and had a a gam had taken no oil this season, got news from home saw finbacks Latt 24,15

Miss Jenny [illegible] Lind [illegible] for me

31 My/55 Saturday very fine indeed with a light breese from S.E. saw finbacks blackfish porpoises Twilight & Ann in sight all sail set working to windward Latitude 23,39,.....

June first Sunday calms & light airs all day saw finbacks gammed with the Ann & Twilight Lat 23 36 Lon 108,20

June On the Coast of New Holland

2d Monday very pleasant with light airs from all quarters all hands scrimshoning... 5 sails in sight P.M. gamming with the H H Crapo 180 Sp this season. evening gammed with the Twilight & James Allen, lost run of the Crapo & did not find her till 2 oclock Lat 23,30 Lon 107,40

3rd/55 Squall at 5 P.M. raining hard

Tuesday clear & calm with light airs from SE, heading to the Ew, broke out 40 bls of water ~~some~~ flour bread beans Coffee & shugar, 5 sails in sight Lat 23,20 Lon 108,10 calm calm

4th/51 Wednesday fine weather with a good breeze from SE. steering to the W 6 sails in sight saw finbacks... evening gammed with the H H Crapo J Allen & A Houghton, sold the Crapo 4 bls of beef & a cask of bread J A saw a shoal of Sperm whales the Houghton no oil this season Lat 23,36 Lon 106,26

5th/58 Thursday very fine indeed with a light breeze from SE working to windard with all sail out, saw plenty of finbacks Grampusses sunfish & dolphin. 4 sails in sight, but no Sperm whales Lat 23,48 Lon 106,50

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

June 6th 55 Friday clear weather with a fresh breese from SE, ship under double reefed topsails heading to the SW, saw finbacks & jumpers, evening gamming with the James Allen Lat 23 20 Lon, 107=11..

7th 55 Saturday beautifull weather with a stiff breese from SE heading to the NE all day in company with the J A, quite busy at small obs, saw a ship to leeward supposed to be the Canton. PM got a Lunar, Longitude 107,38 Lat 22 50

8th 55 Sunday clear weather & strong breeses from SE gamming with the James Allen, saw several finbacks, 7 oclock set whole watches & kept her on the Eastern tack for Bally with whole topsails out Lat 21,41 Lon 109,00

Bound to Bally

9th 55 Monday clear with strong winds from SE ship under whole topsails standing to the NE saw finbacks PM gamed with the J A & let them have our blacksmith & got their carpenter to mend a boat Lat 20,19 Lon 110

Bound to Bally 3

Bound to Balle

June 10th/55 Tuesday clear weather with strong breezes from SE, ship under double reefed topsails heading NE very mending a boat & sailmaking bent a new foresail & another foretopsail, P M got a Lunar. 5 o'clock tacked ship & stood to S Lat 18,30 Lon 111,30

11th/55 Wednesday good weather with strong breezes from ESE standing to the SSE with reefed & whole topsails the J A under our lee, busy mending boat & getting lanyards ready for the fore & main rigging, saw nothing P M got a Lunar observasion Lat 19,50 Lon 111,50

12th/55 Thursday beautiful weather with light airs & baffling winds J A in company very busy mending boat repaired maintopsail & bent it saw nothing P M got a lunar Chronometer sight Lat 21,06 Lon 111,45. ..

13th/55 Friday pleasent weather with light baffling winds from SE, ship heading to the NE with all sail set, Capt Deal on board,, very busy at work on the boat,, getting the anchor gear in order, broke out 30 bags of flour & put in the tank so as to have the casks for water when we get in day ends with fine weather Lat 21,5

Bound to Kally

June
14th/55 Saturday fine weather with a good breeze from E heading N.N.E with all sail set J A on our lee,, to work on the boat & small jobs saw nothing

15th/55 Sunday fine weather with good breezes from E, all sail set heading to the N & E J A on our lee bow saw nothing Lat 18,05 Lon 113,17

16th/55 Monday good weather with a good breeze from the E all sail out standing to the N & E J A on our lee, finished the boat & painted her inside, saw nothing Lat 16,42 Lon 113,54

17th/55 Tuesday fine weather with light winds from E heading to the N & E, so gamming with the J A all day riped up the old fore sail & did some paintings, saw one grampus Lat 15,21 Lon 104,26

18th/55 Wednesday pleasent weather with a light breeze from S E steering N E saw porpoises,, busy painting boat & iron work P M took in sail for the J A to come up Lat 14,13 Lon 115,07

Bound to Bally

June 19th 55 Thursday clear weather with a mod breeze from S E. Steering N E with all sail out.. Started the tryworks to heat water to scald bedbugs, & took in sail for the G A to come up,, saw humpbacks grampuses & cow fish Lat 12,52 Lon 116,08

20th 55 Friday hazy weather with a fresh breeze from S E, all sail out steering N N E G A astern,, broke out 4 casks of water out of the fore hold.. made coverings for the boats on the house & an awning for the forecastle.. evening took in light sails & set a light. Lat 10,,44 Lon 116,,34

21st 55 Saturday fine weather with a strong breeze from E, daylight saw land on lee bow kept the ship off & run down along it all day with the G A. saw a large Dutch merchantman standing to the E, saw plenty of porpoises sunset took in sail 20 miles from the port & laid aback in hopes to get in on the Sabbath

22nd 55 Sunday fine weather with light winds from S E, daylight made sail & stood in for the Straits of Allas G A coming astern 5 o'clock came to anchor in 8 fathom water close to a reef & opposite the town of Bally on the S S of Lombock furled the sails & the Captains went on shore,, company from the G A in the evening

Lying at Anchor at Bally

June 23rd 51 Monday daylight got under weigh & stood a little farther off from the reef & came too again in 12 fathoms strong current a running washed ship & got off a large raft of water Sick

24th Tuesday fine weather sent the Starboard watch on shore with their tappa under their arms on liberty L watch painting ship Sick

25th Wednesday very hot indeed L watch on liberty starboard watch painting ship, reeving new lanyards to main rigging Sick

26th Thursday very hot L watch on liberty the rest reeving new lanyards to the fore rigging and painting Sick

27th 51 Friday hot hot hot Larboard watch on shore Starboard stowing down water & setting up rigging Same Sick

28th 51 Saturday hot hot all hands on board got 8 casks of water off took on board 60 bushels of sweet potatoes a quantity of pumkins cocoa nuts a lot of ducks & chickens bananas, tamarinds & 1000 eggs one dog 2 monkeys & 4 cockatoos, set up the head rigging & got the ship ready for sea Same Sick

Bound to the South on a cruise

June 29th 55 Sunday morning at daylight took the anchor & made all sail to beat out of the straits James Allen in company, got the anchors stowed decks cleared up & folks had a watch below.. Sick

30th Monday clear weather with a strong S E wind ship under whole topsails heading S S W. the J A out of sight Sick

July first Tuesday clear weather with a strong breeze from S E ship under double reefed topsails heading S by W. painted the Larboard boat Sick

Sec Wednesday clear weather with a strong S E wind ship under reefed topsails heading S by W. painted the Starboard boat Lat 15,09 Sick

3rd 55 Thursday clear weather with strong trade winds heading S S W & W all sail out painted the waist boat inside & out Lat 17,07 Sick

4th 55 Friday fine weather with light S E winds ship under all sail heading to the S W saw nothing; sent down the gaff topsail & stowed it away for the season thus passes the 4th of July on board the Pacific Sick

Lat 18,30 113,00 East

Cruising for Sperm

July

5th/55 Saturday fine weather with strong breezes from S E & S, P M tacked ship & stood to the E 24 hours ship under double reefed topsails rainy & squally weather Lat 20,16 S,,. Sick

6th/55 Sunday clear weather with strong winds from S, all day 6 A M tacked ship & stood to the S W with main top g-sail out latter part of the day strong breezes Lat 20,48,, 112,17 Sick

7th/55 Monday good weather with southerly wind ship heading to the S & E with all sail out saw plenty of fin backs sent down the spanker gaff & cut it off & the boom & rigged it again made the sail smaller Lat 21 20 sunset took in sail Sick

8th/55 Tuesday good weather with winds from S S E, ship heading S W with Main top g sail out,, furling the spanker, saw nothing sunset Sick

9th/55 Wednesday fine weather with light trade winds ship on the wind with all sail out spoke the ship Stephania of New Bed Capt Fisher 22 months out 1900 whale 400 sperm bound to the north Sick

Whales on the Coast of Holland

July 10th Th — Sick — Thursday fine weather with the wind from S E ship running to the N W very busy sail makeing cut over the main top g sail & bent it & sheathed the flying jib. saw fin backs sunset took in sail & set the watch Lat 23,18,, 109,

11th Fr — Sick — Friday fine clear weather with light S E winds,, with all sail out heading to the S W,, 10 P M spoke the J Allen and had a gamm sunset took in sail & set the watch Lat 23 40

12th Sa — Sick — Saturday fine weather with light S E winds ship under all sail heading to the E saw a black barque to leward did not know her. lost sight of the J A Lat 23 20

13th Su — Sick — Sunday very fine weather indeed winds light from S E ship under all sail standing to the E,, saw finbacks Lat 23,80 Lon 107 43,,

14th Mo — Off Duty — Monday very fine indeed with light winds from the E ship heading to the S E with all sail set,, saw a merchant ship standing to the N,, housed the mizzen topmast & stowed away away the rigging,, unbent the foresail & cut it over & sent it up again sunset took in top G sails & kept her heading to the S E

Lat 24 30, Lon 108,30

Bound to the South Coast

July 15th 55 Tuesday begins with fine weather & a good breeze from N E ship under all sail steering S S E sent down the fore top G mast & cut off 3 feet off the heel of it & sent it up again shortened the rigging & cut the sail over & made it larger P M weather looked owly, reefed the topsails 3 oclock wind worked round to the N W & rained like fun 7 oclock set whole watches ships course S by E plenty of rain & wind so ends this day

Off duty

16th 55 Wednesday heavy squalls from S W, with plenty of rain A M ship under double reefed top sails P M close reefed weather bad so ends the day Lat 28, Lon 111

Off duty

17th 55 Thursday squally bad weather wind S S W ship under close reefed topsails most of the day heading S by E,, A M made some spun yarn sent down the main spencer & stowed it away got up the old one & put 2 new cloths in it no mast heads Lat 29 45 Lon 112,15

Off duty

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Of New Holland for a Cruise

July 18th 55 Off duty

Friday. gale of wind from the S W with heavy rain squalls A M ship on the starboard tack under close reefed main topsail & stay sail P M on the S tack 4 oclock set a reefed fore sail blowing strong Lat 30,41

19th 55 Off duty

Saturday blowing from S W lying too under close reefed main top sail & fore top mast stay sail on the S tack saw a large merchant man steering N W P M finished the main spencer & bent it & set it, weather looks some better Lat 29,56 Lon 111,38

20th 55 Off duty

Sunday fine weather with a heavy swell & good breese from S S W ship on the larboard tack A M under double reefed topsails P M whole top sails. saw one finback & some cape pigeons Lat 29,45' Lon 110,18 East

21st 55 Did a little work & stood a watch

Monday very fine with a very light breese from the S ship on the larboard tack with all sail set bent the fore top G sail rove new rigging to the fore sail & rigged reef tackles topped up the spencer gaff & altered the sail,, put on some new ratlings & did some other small jobs,, saw plenty of finbacks evening calm,, so ends the day

Bound to the South Coast

July 22nd 51 Tuesday A M quite good weather with the wind from N E to N W blowing a good breeze ship heading S by E with all sail set,, busy doing lots of small jobs,, saw fin backs & jumpers,, P M squally evening plenty of rain took in top G sails & reefed the fore top sail mainsail furled bad weather coming, Lat 32,10 Lon 109,48

Had 1 part of 2d watch (Larry)

23rd 51 Wednesday squally weather with a very strong breeze from the westard ship under close reefed top sails & foresail steering to the S S E & rooling very heavy,, stood no mast-heads Lat at noon 34,12, Lon at 3 P M 111,16,

On duty,, bad-luck

24th 51 Thursday just one year out to day oh how time has flown it seems but yesterday since we parted from home & friends a year & only 340 bls of oil,, hard times but it cant be helped,, for we see no whales,, to day wind from the N & good weather ship under all sail steering S S E,, made some spun yarn & did some small jobs saw one fin back a shoal of porpoises & plenty of birds,, ground spirm whales,, oh where shall we be a year from to day & how much oil will the Pacific have God only knows

Let us begin another year anew

On duty to day & a year from home & times look hard,, but we will trust in Providence & come out right in the end

Of New Holland on a Cruise

July 25th Friday rainy squally weather with half a gale from the S, A M steered S E under close reefed topsails & foresail P M took in fore topsail & luffed to & sent down fore top G yard & all the rigging & stowed it away for the season,, kept no lookouts plenty of rain & wind Lat 36,57

26th Saturday blowing fresh from the S W with heavy rain squalls first part of 24 hours lying to under close reefed main top sail 7 oclock A M kept her off S E & set the foresail,, no lookouts,, 11 P M blowing a gale from S W took in fore sail & luffed her too on the S tack blowing hard in squalls & plenty of rain, Capt very nervous,, Lat 36,45 Lon 117,28

27th Sunday a gale from S W with heavy rain squalls A M ship lying too on the S tack under close reefed main topsails,, P M wored ship & headed to the South,, saw a ship lying too to windward, supposed to be the Twilight latter part of the day weather some better Lat 35,,57 Lon 118,,45

28th Monday squally rainy bad weather,, with a good breese from S W, steering E with main top G sail out saw one fin back,, day ends with bad weather coming,, no observations,

Bound for the Bight

July 29th Tuesday daylight weather moderate all sail out steering E wind N W 8 oclock A M took in every thing but close reefed t[illegible]sails & foresail blowing & raining like fun,, 3 oclock P M took in fore top sail & fore sail & stay sail & luffed to on the L tack,, evening weather some better set main spencer & stay sail hard times & I dont know when they will be any better,, (would I were a boy again)) Lat 35,55' Lon 122 33

30th Wednesday clear weather with half a gale of wind from the N,, daylight kept her off to the E, & set the fore sail 12 oclock wind increased took in foresail & luffed too on the starboard tack,, sunset weather more moderate wore ship & set boats crew watches,, saw nothing this day Lat 35'30,, Lon 123,18

31st Thursday gale from N W lying too on the starboard tack under close reefed main top-sail & fore top mast stay sail & main spencer,, day ends with a very bad sea & blowing hard with hail squalls

For Sperm Whales

August first Friday gale of wind from S W one oclock A M while laying too on the starbourd under a close reefed main topsail & stay sail, shipped a sea & stove in bull works & carried away bow boat & oars craft & one davy,, what luck but it might have been worse,, latter part of the day blowing hard with a very heavy sea,, hard times,

Bad luck to us
[illegible] Boat.

third ~~Sec~~ Sunday clear most of the day,, with a light breeze from the S S E I am thankfull for one good day after being rocked about so long,,
steering to the E with all sail out,, barometer up to fair & the weather looks milder,, saw nothing but Cape pigeons,, sunset took in sail & set a boats crew watch

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Sec Saturday blowing strong from the S W ship laying too on the larboard tack under a close reefed main topsail & stay sail saw nothing & did nothing

4th " Monday beautifull weather, A M calm,, P M a light breeze from N E all sail out on the S tack broke out main hatch for water, oars & plank the after hatch for meat & black fish oil & wood,, repaired the stove bull works worked some on the broken davy took one boat down off the house & painted the 6 (?) boats,, sunset took in sail Lat 34.46 Lon 12 4.16

Cruiseing in the Australian

August
5th/55 Tuesday clear weather with with a strong breeze from the N E. ship under double reefed topsails & fore sail working to windard daylight saw Round island bearing N by E,, finished the davy & got it in & got up a blacksmiths forge & did some work,, 4 P.M raised a sail on the weather bow,, sunset took in sail & set the watch ship still running for us,, Lat 31.18 Lon 124.03

Spoke the Lady Emma of Hobartown

6th/55 Wednesday fine weather with a good breeze from the N ship under double reefed topsails & fore sail cruising made a crane strapped boat tackle blocks did some black smithing & some jobs in the rigging 5 P.M gammed with the Lady Emma of Hobartown 5 months out one whale saw a brig to windard sunset took in sail calm,

7th/55 Thursday strong breeze from S W with rain squalls gamming all day with barks Lady Emma Laden & brig Jane all of Hobartown Capt's Mattersfield Cragwells & Comstock navagators one whale each 4 months out 6 P.M saw 3 sails to windard Lat 34.30

Bight for Sperm Whales

August 8th 55 Friday squally weather & calms & variable winds all sail set looking sharp for whales P M gammed with the J Allen & saw barks E Dunbar & Wavelet evening calm

9th 55 Saturday thick hazy weather with a strong breeze from the N ship under double reefed topsails & foresail standing to the E J A on our lee saw 3 other sails P M took in foretopsail sunset took in the foresail & spencer & got ready for a gale,, heavy rain squalls

10th 55 Sunday squally weather with a strong breeze from the westward A M lying too on the S tack under close reefed main topsail, P M wored ship & set the foresail the J A & 2 barks in sight,, sunset reefed the foresail & set the watch Lat 34,28,

11th 55 Monday squally rainy windy weather from S.E. A M lying to under close reefed main topsail & staysail,, took in the bow boat & lashed her on the try works,, wored ship & headed to the S. J A in company P M reefed the foresail & set it sunset set the watch,, blowing hard all night took in the foresail

Cruising in the Great P

August 12th 55 Tuesday squally with a strong breeze from W. lying too on both tacks with close reefed main topsail reefed foresail spencer & staysail the J A in sight Lat 34,56 Lon 126,34

13th Wednesday clear weather wind from N.W., ship under whole topsails working to windward very busy at small jobs saw nothing,, sunset double reefed the topsails,,

14th 55 Thursday clear weather wind from the N.W. under double reefed topsails working to windward very busy drying lines building a light house & small jobs saw some finbacks,, times are hard & wages low getting homesick,, Lat 35 12 Lon 124,36,

15th 55 Friday very pleasent a [illegible] good breeze from N.W. standing to the E, all day saw 4 sails,, very busy building a light house,, plenty of birds round but no whales Lat 34,,40 Lon 124,,35

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Australian Bight

August 16th/55 Saturday rain squalls calms & baffling winds, all sail out working to windward or rather the S.W.,, very busy at work on the light-house,, 2 barks in sight supposed to be English saw some small fish, & plenty of birds,, but sperm whales, I fancy are about as plenty as gold is in my fathers cow pasture,, another week is gone & the prospects do not brighten much,, what our fate is to be time alone can tell, no observations

17th/55 Sunday squally blowy weather from the W. daylight set double reefed topsails & foresail on the S tack 8 P.M. lying too under close reefed main topsail saw 3 sails sunset wared ship & set the watch,, Lat: 34,20 Lon 124,31,, blowing like fun

tooth ach

18th/55 Monday fine weather for the place strong breeze from S.W. standing on the S tack all day under double reefed topsails,, 8 P.M. set the mainsail gamming with bark Wavelet of New Bedford Capt. Swain 10 months out 150 bbls,, saw another bark to leeward & one finback & some blackfish Lat 34,20 Lon 124,31

Letters from home but none for me

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

August
19th/55 Tuesday very fine with a good
breeze from the S & W ship under
whole topsails working to windard
put the bow boat on the cranes
finished the lighthouse,, & caught
a porpoise,, Wavelet in sight
Lat 34,05 Lon 124,50

20th/55 Wednesday fine weather with
the wind from N E steering to
the S W with main top G sail
set most of the day saw 3 sails
P M gamed with the bark wavelet

21st/55 Thursday very fine for the place
A M strong breeze from N E steering
S W with whole topsails in company
with the wavelet,, painted the
light house,, saw porpoises & struck
one but lost him,, P M saw a sail
on the lee beam,, weather more
moderate,, evening sun set clear
very remarkable for this country
light airs from N W ship on
the S tack Lat 34,50 Lon 123,56

22nd/55 Friday fine weather with the wind
from the N ships under whole top-
sails standing to the E, 4 oclock
saw a whale on the lee bow 3-
miles off spouted 6 times & we
saw him no more although we
laid aback an hour P M gamed
with the Pamela 15 months 500 sperm

In the Great Australian Bight

August 23rd 55 Saturday begins with strong breezes from the NW, set double reefed topsails & foresail saw the barks Pamela Dunbar & one other sail to leward 2 PM had a heavy squall from the W took in fore topsail & foresail & luffed to on the S tack under close reefed main top sail & staysail, sunset set the watch blowing fresh with a bad sea on Latitude 34,,35 so ends another week

24th 55 Sunday clear weather with a strong breeze from the NW ship under double reefed topsails & foresail standing to the N all day 3 sails in sight,, PM gammed with the Elisha Dunbar Capt Lincoln 450 Sperm. day ends weather more moderate Lat 34,,20

25th 55 Monday squally weather with light airs from all quarters & a very heavy swell from SW & part of the time calm 5 sails in sight PM gammed with the J Allen Pamela & E Dunbar bought a hog with 4 young ones of the Dunbar, the JA had taken 6 bls of blackfish & seen whales once since we last saw her,, day ends with a strong breeze from the N

Cruising for Sperm Whales

August

26 Tuesday begins with squally weather & a strong breeze from SW set double reefed topsails & foresail 4 sails in sight,, broke out water & corn,, 4 oclock AM blowing very strong took in foretopsail foresail & close reefed the maintopsail 8 PM blowing very hard with a bad sea lying on the Starboard tack 4 oclock took in bow boat & took the waist up to the davy heads,, day ends with very heavy squalls,, Lat 31,30,, Lon 124,56

27th Wednesday blowing from NW to SW lying too on the S tack under close reefed main topsail & foresail PM on the S tack furled the foresail,, latter part of the day blowing very strong from the (W)

28th Thursday clear with a gale from the west,, lying too on the S tack 8 AM wared,, Ship, under close reefed main topsail & stay sail, PM set the main spencer & reefed foresail day ends more moderate Lat 35,15 Lon 125,08

29th Friday begins with clear weather & a gale of wind from the NW Ship under close reefed main top sail & fore sail,,, made a fore spencer gaff & cut the sail, 3 oclock PM took in the foresail & wind stiff weather looking bad & barometer falling Lat 36,08 ,, 125

In the Australian Bight

Aug 30th Saturday blowing a gale of wind from N W to S W lying too tack & tack under close reefed main topsail top mast stay & main spencer & foresail, reefed part of the day very busy makeing a fore spencer in the cabin, day ends with squally rain & wind Lat 35,57 Lon 124,53

31st Sunday gale of wind from the west Ship on the larboard tack under close reefed main topsail reefed foresail main spencer & foretop mast stay sail, saw a sail to windward barometer going up slowly

Septem first Monday strong breeze from S W A M on the S tack under close reefed main topsail & foresail, very busy makeing a spencer, sent the gaff up, saw a sail to windward P M set foretopsail, 4 oclock spoke the J. Allen Lat 34,06 Lon 124,00

Sec Tuesday weather quite decent for the place A M Ship under double reefed topsails working to windward which is S W finished the spencer & bent it P M under whole top sails evening gammed with J A Lat 34 38, Lon 128,14

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

Sept 3rd Wednesday thick hazy weather with a good breeze from W ship under double reefed top sails heading to the S S W broke out the fore hold for water & so gammed with ships Twilight & J Allen saw finbacks Lat 34,50 Lon 125,00 whole watches

4th/55 Thursday squally weather with a very strong breeze from S W ship under double reefed topsails & foresail on the S tack,, beat the Twilight 10 miles to windward, one other sail in sight Lat 34,40 Lon 124,39

Whole watches

5th/55 Friday very fine,, breeze from S E,, steering to S W, with all sail set,, 3 ships in our wake,, mended the fore top sail on the yard. 11 oclock,, saw a gam of sperm whales ahead after dinner lowered 4 boats & went on to them boatsteerer darted against head, & did not get fast, chased to windward till sunset,, ships Hunter James Allen & Twilight lowered for them but did not strike,, evening gammed with them hard luck & no whale,, day ends with strong breeze from N E & ring-eyed Lat 34,10 saw the land blackfish sunfish & a sail to windward,,

whales every [illegible]

hard luck

In the Australian Bight

Sept 6th/55 Saturday clear weather with half a gale from N.E. Ship under reefed main topsail & foresail & foresail on the S tack,, picked up a steering oar belonging to the Twilight-, saw 5 sails & the land stood no mastheads Lat 34,12 Lon 123,39

7th/55 Sunday hazy weather with a very strong breeze from N.W. & W, under short sail most of the day part of the time no lookouts,, saw the twilight & columbus & a large shoal of blackfish lanced one from the ship Lat 34.24 Lon 124,30

8th/55 Monday quite good weather with a strong breeze from S W ship under double reefed topsails & foresail working to windward one sail in sight busy moving the galley stove & fitting the galley,, got supper at 8 oclock Lat 34=00 Lon 124,30

Lights ther & [illegible] in on deck & [illegible]

9th/55 Tuesday weather very fine for the place with a moderate breeze from W to N.E. Ship under all sail on the S tack saw porpoises & 3 sails Lat 34,,40 Lon 124,,42

Cruiseing for Sperm Oil

Sept 10th/55 Wednesday good breeze from the W with rain squalls ship under double reefed topsails working to windard,, took the Larboard boat in on deck & put battings on her & keel,, saw one sail & some porpoises struck one but had our usual luck Lat 34,30 Lon 124,23

11th/55 Thursday fine weather & a good breze from the W ship under whole topsails working to windward,, got the L boat out & put a keel on the waist-boat; saw a brig & some porpoises another man sick which makes 3 off duty Lat 34,20,, Lon 124,,09

12th/55 Friday very pleasent indeed for the place with a light breeze from the NW 8 oclock made the land bearing West NW kept her off before the wind under double reefed topsails,, saw blackfish & porpoises caught a porpoise saw a ship ahead supposed to be the Twilight,, day ends with calms baffling winds rain with sharp lightning Lat 34,20 Lon 124,13

Cook in the leg-ging
no harm done

13th/55 Saturday blowing a gale of wind from SSW ship lying too on the L tack under close reefed main top sail fore & main spencers & fore top mast stay sail,, evening put her on S tack Lat 34,15 Lon 124,14

In the Great Australian Bight

Sept 14th Sunday clear weather with a strong breeze from S W ship lying two tack & tack under close reefed maine top sail spencers reefed foresail & stay sail,, P M weather more moderate set double reefed top sails,, saw a brig to windward supposed to be an Englishman,,, one man recovered & another one sick,, Smith is up
Lat 34,44 Lon 124,30

15th Monday begins with moderate weather with rain squalls baffling winds calms & lights airs sent down main topsail repaired & bent it saw one sail evening got a good breeze from N E steering into the N W under double reefed top sails & foresail,, still continue to stand whole watches
Lat 34,20 Lon 125,06

16th Tuesday clear weather but very rough strong breeze from the N E 8 o'clock A M spoke ship Alexander of New Bedford Capt Dorrit,, Capt Weeks resigned,, 12 months out 500 bbls Sperm went on board & got our letters,, repaired mainsail & bent it,, saw a sail to leeward,, ship under close reefed main topsail & fore sail

letters for a good many
and news from home
for me)

Cruiseing for Sperm

Sept 17th Wednesday thick squally weather with plenty of rain thunder & lightning 8 oclock A M saw plenty of blackfish,, lowered 3 boats struck 5 & got one,, wind from E, ship under double reefed top & foresail most of the day latter part fore & fore top sails furled on both tacks 4 oclock P M gammed with the Alexander a short time & sold 5 kegs of tobacco,, very rough,, no observasions

18th Thursday very fine with a good breeze from the S, ship under whole topsails working to windward in company with the A saw finbacks, sunset double reefed the topsails & furled mainsail & jib Lat 34,26,, Lon 124,15

Doc had two very bad fits

19th Friday weather fine with a good breeze from W,, A M standing to the S with all sail out saw finbacks P M gammed with Alexander & steered off to the E saw 2 sails latter part of the day calm,, Lat 34,14 124,14 2

20th Saturday weather cloudy with strong breeze from S,, working to windward with double reefed topsails,, boiled out our blackfish,, saw a bark & some porpoises evening with the A Lat 34,12 Lon 124,41

Oil in the Australian Bight

Sept 21st Sunday fine weather & calm all day 4 sails in sight,, at 15 minutes past 11 A M our monkey died from the effects of eating putty,, such is the fate of a great rogue Lat 34,26 Lon 124 46

22nd Monday hazy weather with a good breese from N E, to W. Ship under all sail most of the day steering to the S W in company with the A saw nothing,, broke out fore hatch for water,, evening engaged so ends the day Lat 35,00 Lon 125,03

23rd Tuesday Squally weather with light winds from N W steering to the S W all day,, broke out Bread flour & water P M gammed with the A. saw finbacks.

Punishment with any pounds

24th Wednesday begins with thick weather & stiff breese from the N W & W 7 A M tacked ship & headed to the N. the A in co, saw a brig to wind ward also finbacks & porpoises, broke out the after hatch for molasses 4 P M saw the land Lat 34,45 Lon 123,40

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales On

Sept
25th/55 Thursday very fine with a good breeze from the NW, on the S tack running down the land in company with the A, & H Capt Deane on board saw 5 sails,, Sunset took in sail off Termination Island,, bearing N 10 miles

26th/55 Friday hazy & squally with a strong breeze from, W, A H Ships standing off and on under whole topsails, A H reefed down to close maintopsail & reefed foresail saw 5 sails Lat 34 20 Lon 121,,40

27th/55 Saturday fine weather with a light wind from the NW with a very heavy swell working to windward with all sail set saw plenty of finbacks & 5 sails island N E 15 miles Evening gammed with Ship Hunter & barque Columbus

28th/55 Sunday very fine indeed calms & baffling winds all day,, saw 5 sails & plenty of small fish round the ship also blackfish & porpoises the land in sight Lat 34,,40 Lon 122,,08 Chronometer 20 miles out of the way by Termination Island

The South Coast of New Holland

Sept 29th 55 Monday very fine with light winds from S E S W all day, sent down mizzen topmast & cut off 10 feet & got all ready to send up again S H 7 sails in sight, saw 2 barks to windward lying aback on different tacks but could not see any boats, Evening saw the boats 10 miles from them, suppose we were bucked in, also saw the Alexander & J Allen standing for them, the A a boiling, think the had blackfish dont know, all the ships seem to see whales but the Pacific dont know when her turn will come, night closes upon these scenes, hope another day will bring us something, Island bearing NWW 20 miles

30th 55 Tuesday fine weather with a good breeze from N.E, S H ship under all sail steering in all directions 8 sails in sight most of them catching blackfish S M strong breeze gammed with ships Hunter James Allen & Alexander, evening rugged the Alex steered to the W 6 oclock dog died in a mad fit, day ends rugged with the land bearing N

Last up mizzen topmast

Hy dro pho bia

Oct first Wednesday smoky weather with half a gale from E ship lying too under close reefed main top sail, staysail & spencer tack & tack, S H gammed with J A Capt D going to stop all night saw the A weather getting rugged

Cruiseing for S Whales

Oct second Thursday thick rainy squally weather with a strong breeze from the N W under double reefed topsails & foresail tack & tack & A M Capt D went on board his own ship saw brig Philander of Robertson did not speak her, day ends very rough Lat 35,,10 Lon 121,,40

third Friday squally with strong winds from S W, under double reefed topsails J & A in sight, cut over a new gaff topsail & bent it tried to set it & carried away spanker vang day ends with rain squalls & bad weather Lat 35,,10

4th/55 Saturday squally weather with a strong breeze from the west ship under close reefed topsails most of the day,, saw a finback & 2 sulphur bottoms,, Lat 34,53 Lon 120 28'

5th/55 Sunday squally all day with wind from N W W & W, under double reefed topsails most of the day, saw a sulphur bottom, topsail sheet parted for the 10th time,, dry times these although it rains most of the time

On the South Coast of New Holland

Oct
6th/55 Monday good weather most of the day with a good breeze from the W. daylight saw the land bearing N W. all sail out working to windward bent a gaff topsail for flying jib sets very well,, Lat 34 30 Lon 119,,53

7th/55 Tuesday squally weather with a stiff breeze from W. standing to the S all day from all sail down to double reefed topsails & foresail. P M carried away fore truss but soon repaired it. saw nothing nor dont expect to much,, Lat 36,00 Lon 119,,45,,

8th/55 Wednesday miserable weather with a very strong breeze from W. Ship under close reefed topsail & foresail on both tacks saw some finbacks Lat 34,10 = 119.28

9th/55 Thursday gale of wind from SW, lying too under close reefed maintopsail spencer & staysail, tack & tack,, fine times for whaling Lat 35,,49

10th/55 Friday good weather with a whole sail breeze from SW, off King Georges sound saw finbacks. P M gammed with barque Rodmand Capt Babcock 13 months out 1000 bls half sperm had been to Desolation

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Oct
11th/55 Saturday decent weather with
some squalls broke out the
main hold for water, & filled up
25 casks of salt water to trim ship
saw finbacks & one sail,, day ends
with moderate weather, sunset
bearing SW

12th/55 Sunday begins with fine weather
with a good breeze from SW
all sail out beating up the coast
against a strong current, 2 PM
blowing a gale of wind,, at 4 oclock
down to a close reefed main top
sail,, off ball island

13th/55 Monday very fine for the country
with a whole sail breeze from SSW
Caught working up the coast,, made some
a large spunyarn & did a few other small
cow jobs,, saw 2 barques signalized
fish one an English merchantman
sunset ball head bearing N

14th/55 Tuesday fine weather with light winds
from SW all sail set standing off
& on the land, making axe handles
saw 2 barques & a brig latter part
of the day calm,

On the South coast of New Holland

Oct 15 Wednesday fine weather with light airs from S W 7 oclock raised the James Allen on our lee beam whaling, kept off & soon discovered the whales with a glass running to windward very quick & going in shore of us lowered down the boats & tried to cut them off but; Alas, railroad speed would have done us no good they were bound to the Westward like lightning, so after chasing till most night,, tired & hungry we returned on board to mourn over the troubles & trials of a whalemans life,, 2 barques in sight,,, day ends moderate

16th Thursday begins with hazy squally weather with a good breeze from W all sail set; 7 oclock A M Capt Dean came on board & got his letters stopped a few minutes P M blowing hard 4 oclock lying to under close reefed main topsail heading off shore mount gardner in sight-

lost fore tack

17th Friday thick weather with a very strong breeze & a heavy sea, under close reefed topsails, carring sail hard to hold on J A in company 4 P M spoke he bald Island 5 miles off, wore round & stood off shore

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

Oct

18th 51 Saturday bad weather Squally raing blows most of the day under close reefed topsails & reefed fore sail beating up towards the sound against a strong current,, 4 P M set the mainsail & jib carrying sail hard, Block Isle in sight & the G H on our lee

19th 55 Sunday begins with thick squally weather with a strong breeze from the E S Ship under reefed topsails 4 A M all hands were arroused from our slumbers by the cry of man overboard,, he had fallen from the flying jib boom,, the wheel was put hard down lee braces let go gripes cut to the larboard boat hoisted swung lowered away with a good crew & in 6 minuits from the time he fell he was on board again being a good swimmer he saved himself from being run over by the ship,, latter part of the day a gale of wind carrying sail hard & A un Co, saw the land & some finbacks & sunfish

Flying jib foot rope parted & a man over board good swimmer

Beating up for King Georges Sd

Oct 20th 11 Monday good weather with a strong breeze from the W from double reefed topsails up to all sail,, standing in shore,, made the land at 7 bells A M, G A on our lee bow past bald head at 5 P M & came to anchor at 6 in the outer harbour along side of bark wavelet W had taken one right whale since we saw her, had seen sperm whales 4 times,, got none, G A came to anchor about 10 oclock, day ends good weather

21st 11 Tuesday begins good weather slight light breeze from N day light we got under weigh & stood up to the inside harbour, after breakfast got under weigh & stood up with the Pilot on board the P & the G A in our wake,, came too off the town at half past 8 A M G A got ashore but soon got off without damage,, commenced breaking out the main hold & starting salt water,, 10 oclock began to rain & blow like fun,, heavy squalls 5 P M had to let go the second anchor,, Capt on shore weather bad from the S, W,, fish & beef steaks,,

Lying in King Georges

Oct 22nd Wednesday quite pleasant part of the day with the exception of some squalls got a raft of casks ashore & filled them started 30 casks of salt water in the lower hold & did some other small jobs,, both anchors down

23rd/55 Thursday good weather busy getting off water & stowing it down,, got fresh meat potatoes turnips cabbages & fish,, sold some tin ware, ashore

24th/55 Friday good weather hove our anchor up & moved off shore further,, got off some wood & water & stowed it down broke out 30 bbls of meat to go down in the fore hold,, Ship Hunter lying in the outer harbour Capt on Shore all the time

25th/55 Saturday very fine getting off wood & water & stowing it down broke out the after hold. Capt on shore

26th/55 Sunday very fine indeed no liberty all hands on duty

Kings Georges Sound

27 Oc/55 Monday fine weather with a [illegible] breese ~~breese~~ Starboard watch on liberty Larboard watch painting Larboard side of ship & foremast, & getting wood & stowing it down

company on board with me in haste

28 Oc/55 Tuesday Larboard watch on liberty Starboard watch employed in getting off wood & painting Starboard side of ship.

29 Oc/55 Wednesday pleasent Starboard watch on shore Larboard watch getting wood & doing small jobs

30 Oc/55 Thursday pleasent Larboard watch on Liberty Starboard getting wood

31 Oc/55 Friday all hands on board getting wood & water, setting head rigging & setting bob stays, night all ready for sea.

Nov first Saturday lying wind bound all ready for sea & cant go took in the 3 boat nailed her & painted her, got all the boats ready for whaling, discharged Frenchman one sick man with 36 dollars

Lying in King Georges Sound

Nov 2d Sunday thick weather with a strong easterly wind & cant go to sea,, all hands on board the ship,, a married lady & her 3 daughters on board to dinner ,, day ends with bad prospects

third Monday thick weather with the wind to the E could not go to sea both anchors down & 40 fathom of chain out on one did nothing but catch some fish & go on shore occasionally P M a brig came in

4th/55 Tuesday begins with bad weather with the wind to the E blowing strong doing nothing Evening better weather took one anchor

5th/55 Wednesday begins with squally weather [illegible] oclock wind came round to N W Pilot came on board & got under weigh & stood out through the passage & came too again to wait for the Capt 4 P M Capt came on board got under weigh & stood out in company with the James Allen & Bracelet sunset anchors & cables stowed 7 oclock set a whole watch steering to the S under double reefed topsails & foresail

Bound to the South for Sling

Nov 6th 55 Thursday steering to the South with a strong breeze from the SW ship under double reefed topsails & foresail J A in company saw plenty of finback, P M hove to on the S tack under close reefed main topsail & spencers evening took in bow boat Lat 36,30

7th 55 Friday gale of wind from S W lying to on the S tack under close reefed main topsail & part of the day foresail J A on our lee quarter saw a merchant brig steering to the E & some finbacks standing boats crew watches Lat 37,20

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8th 55 Saturday blowing strong from the S W ship under close reefed topsails & foresail on the S tack saw finbacks P M spoke the J A Lat 37,40 Lon 120,15

9th 55 Sunday begins with hazy weather & good breeze from S W from close reefed topsails to all sail gamming with the James Allen saw finbacks 38,00 Lon 121,30 P M weather more moderate steering to the S E sunset took in sail

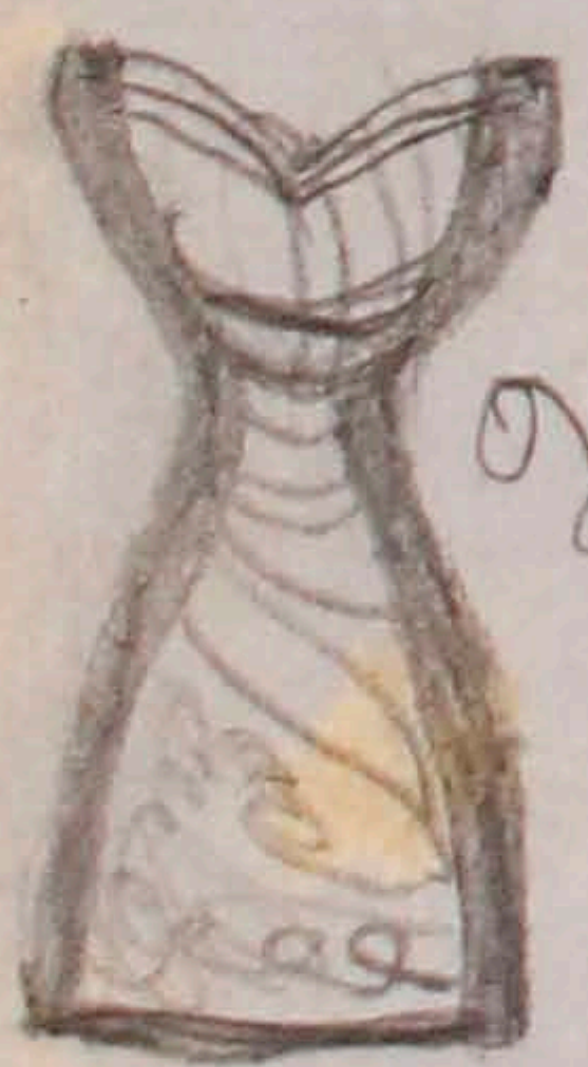
J A backs his windlass

Cruiseing for Right Whales

Nov 10th 55 Monday hasy weather with a nice breese from S W all sail out steering to the S E & A comeing astern saw a great many sulpher bottoms & fin backs, took the bow boat on deck & renailed her put her on the try works & painted her,, looking sharp for right whales Lat 38,42

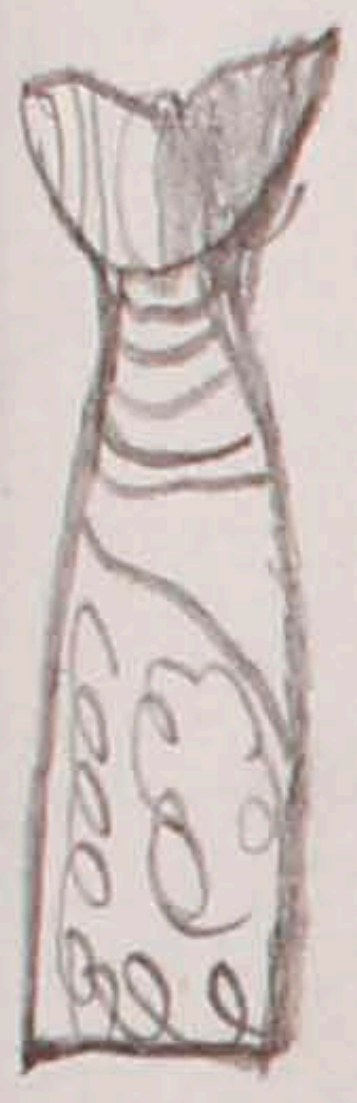
11th 55 Tuesday beautifully shines the sun with a gentle breese from S W plenty of fin backs in sight but no right whales P M gammed with the ships Hunter & G A the H had seen nothing since leaving the sound put the bow boat out Lat 39,36

12th 55 Wednesday fine weather with light winds from S W broke out a cask of bread 9 oclock saw 2 right whales going to windward quick lowered 4 boats & chased them 3 hours but could not catch them P M calm fixing the fore topsail on the yard,, the H. G A & a merchant barque in sight, no whales sunset took in sail



In the Latitude of 40 South Lon 124

13th Nov 55 Thursday good weather with a fine breeze from the N all sail set sailing in all directions saw plenty of finbacks, 5 P M saw a right whale going to windward lowered Larboard & waist boat but could not get fast Lat 39,54 Lon 125'16

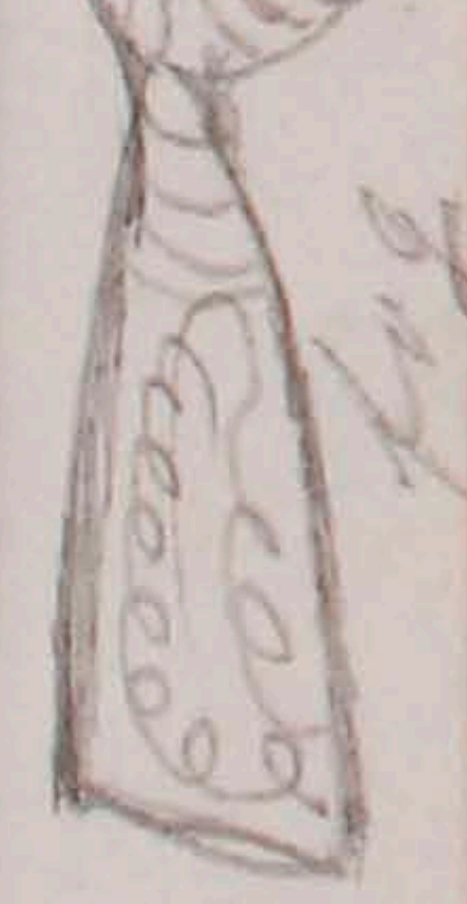


14th 55 Friday fine weather with a good breeze from N all sail set A M steering to the E P M kept her W by N saw 1 A, Schooner. & one other sail & plenty of finbacks about whole watches steering W by N

15th 55 Saturday begins with thick weather with a light breeze from the N all sail out standing to the W P M calm with a thick heavy fog

Saw ship [illegible]
[illegible]

16th 55 Sunday begins with a thick fog 10 A M fog lifted, & saw a right whale on our lee beam lowered 3 boats but the fog shut in again we were obliged to leave him, P M cleared up with the wind to the W all sail out standing on the S tack whole watches bound to Cape Leven
Lat 39,30 Lon 124,29



Bound to Cape Sevens

Nov

17th 55 Monday fine weather with a fine breese from the E all sail set steering to the N W saw plenty of finbacks. Lat 37 40 Lon 122,35'

18th 55 Tuesday fine weather with a good breese from the E, all sail set steering to the N & W busy doing small jobs,, saw black fish & porpoises caught one porpoise sunset took in sail & set boats crew watches Lat 36,15' Lon 121,36

19th 55 Wednesday ~~Thursday~~ strong breese from the E with thick weather steering to the W under double reefed main topsail & foresail 8 oc luffed too on the S tack under close reefed main topsail

20th 55 Thursday hazy weather with a strong breese from the E & N lying to on the S tack under close reefed main topsail & foresail 8 oc kept her off W, broke out water 5 oclock saw Bald Head 3 points on our starboard bow 15 miles off sunset took in foresail & headed off shore [illegible] right by land

Off Bald Head

Nov 21st 55 Friday thick rainy weather with a strong breeze from the E. daylight set fore & foretop sails & kept her off W. after breakfast hauled her under close reefed maintopsail blowing strong with plenty of rain, thunder, lightning & large hail stones & c. weather moderate saw blackfish & porpoises, sunset boats crew watches heading off shore,,

22nd 55 Saturday cloudy squally weather with the wind from the W. A. M. all sail set,, busy at small jobs & c. doubled reefed the topsails working to windard, saw, humpers & the land, Lat 36,00 Lon 117,20 Barometer 29 7/10 some thunder

23rd 55 Sunday rainy squally blowy bad weather,, daylight made all sail,, but soon had to take it in again & c. under double reefed main topsail & foresail no mast heads, " oclock raised a sail on our lee bow & kept off for her 7 oclock spoke

Pamelia her,, with 130 bls sperm reported bark Columbus 200 on this ground hauled too on the S tack under main top sail & stay sail blowing strong from the N W took in the "bow boat",, bad weather in store for us I think, so ends another Sabbath

Cruising for Sperm Oil

Nov 24th 55 Monday cloudy weather with some squalls,, wind from SW A M ship under whole topsails P M gamming with the Columbus,, saw the land & one sail unknown; double reefed the topsails some rain sunset took in sail & headed off shore

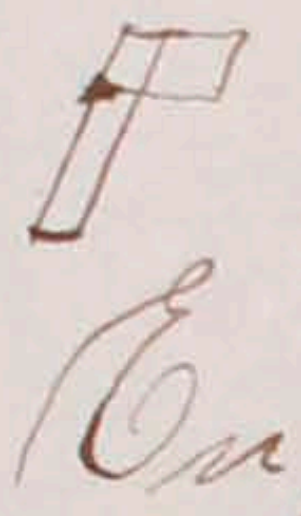
10 months out Stove a boat & broke Steering oar

25th 55 Tuesday good weather with a good breeze from SW ship under double reefed topsails working to windard,, Plover Columbus & Pamelia under our lee,, saw the land,, sunset saw 2 more sails on our lee bow Lat 36 3' Lon 116,54

26th 55 Wednesday very fine A M good breeze from the SW ship under all sail broke out water from the main hatch saw blackfish sunfish & porpoises P M calm went on board Barque Lady McNaghton of London 10 days from Adalede bound to Bourbon in ballast Capt S Mayell on board 3 hours,, sunset took in sail dead calm Lat 34 50 Lon 116 52.

On the South Coast Holland

Nov
27th/55 Thursday squally weather with a
strong breese from the west.
Pacific under double reefed top-sails
most of the day A.M. saw an Eng.
merchant-man,, P.M. saw barks
E Dunbar Pamela & Columbus all
working to windward with ourselfs
Land bearing N by E 15 miles
all hands sick of New Holland
but Capt Shearman & I would like
to give him a dose that would
make him leave,, day after day
,yes, weeks & months pass away
& we see no whales,, it is enough
to try the patiense of Job



Eng
Barque

28th/55 Friday squally all day with a
strong westerly wind Ship under doub
le reefed top-sails fore sail & jib
working to windward, 2 sails in
sight P.M. saw the land bearing
N 15 miles distant Lat 35,16 Lon 135,55

29th/55 Saturday fine weather A.M
light breese from the E.S. all
sail set working to windward
P.M. calm, 4 o'clock raised blackfish
lowered 4 boats caught 5 took them
along side hoisted in & cleared
away at 8 o'clock took in sail
& set the watch

Cruiseing for Sperm Oil

Nov 30th/55 Sunday clear weather with a strong breese from N,, A M main top G sail out sheeting W, P M double reefed topsails bark Columbus in sight to leeward saw porpoises,, sunset took in sail blowind strong from N W Lat 35,40 Lon 115,38

Rod hills for diving

Dec first Monday squally rainey bad weather with a strong breese from the W. Ship under close reefed topsails & foresail tack & tack boiled out our blackfish made about 5 bls, saw bark Columbus 4 P M put her under close reefed main topsail & spencers Lat 35,30 Lon 115,18

Dec Tuesday gale of wind from the W Lying too under close reefed main topsail & spencers on different tacks,, P M took in boat; bow put her over the try works,, heavy squalls with some hail, bad weather for whaling, saw a brig steering to the E & one other sail

On the Coast of New Holland

Dec third Wednesday good weather with a strong breeze from the SW A M double reefed topsails & P M main top G sail, working to windward Started water & stowed down 6 bbls of blackfish oil,, saw the land bearing N E 15 miles distant,, barks Pamela & Columbus,, cowfish finbacks & porpoises Lat 35,22 Lon 115,15

4th/55 Thursday cloudy weather with a strong breese from S W Pasific under double reefed topsails & foresail standing on the S tack all day" doing nothing" saw porpoises Lat 35,48 Lon 115,41

5th/55 Friday good weather with a strong breese from the S E ship under all sail steering to the W, made some new block straps & got some yarns ready for spunyarn sunset took in sail & luffed too off shore

saw porpoises

6th/55 Saturday cloudy weather with a very strong breese from the E A M ship under double reefed topsails painted the settle butt — saw porpoises struck & saved one drawed from one & parted iron & fluke ropes, P M took in all but main topsail & foresail on the S tack, got a luna Lat 34,28 Lon 114,17 by Chro 114,52 by Luna

Cruiseing for Sperm Oil

Dec 7th/55 Sunday half a gale from the Ed ship under double reefed topsails most of the day standing on different tacks, saw bark Pamela running before the wind with main topsail clued up & jib set, supposed to be a cutting, bark Columbus in sight. Lat 35,10 Lon 119,06 hard times

8th/55 Monday smokey weather with a moderate gale of of wind from the E ship lying too under close reefed main topsail & foresail on both tacks 11 A M a large merchantman passed steering to the SE with fore & main top G sails set showing a black signal,, backgammon & checquers the order of the day Lat 35,00 Lon 114,05

⚑ Black flag

9th/55 Tuesday smokey weather with a good breese from the E A M under double reefed topsails on the L tack 8 A M all sail on on the S tack, got up the old fore topsail & mended it,, broke out bread & water, saw porpoises struck 2 & saved one, Lat 35 25 Lon 114,14

Off Cape Leven New Holland

Dec 10th Wednesday good weather, but very smoky with a stiff breeze from S E Ship under whole topsails A M working to windward P M steering to the W got up an old main topsail & repaired it, bent the old foretopsail, saw 2 sails, one a large merchantman bound to the W, saw porpoises struck one but lost him,, day ends with prospects of bad weather
Lat 35,,14 Lon 114,,41

11th Thursday hazy weather with a strong S E wind A M under double reefed topsails steering N,, P M blowing strong 3 oclock nothing out but close reefed main topsail & spencer & staysail saw a large merchantman steering N W with Main royal set

P
Eng

12th Friday thick weather with a gale of wind from S E lying too under close reefed maintopsail & foresail on both tacks,, foretopsail set 2 hours saw nothing day ends blowing strong
Lat 35,12 no Longitude

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

Dec 13th/55 Saturday thick smoky weather with strong S E winds ship under double reefed topsails on different tacks,, broke out flour from the fore hold & did some small jobs saw porpoises but our eyes were not blessed with the sight of sperm whales, Lat 35,,15' Lon 114,11

14th/55 Sunday light baffling winds with beautifull weather A M saw a sulpher bottom lowered 3 boats & tried to strike him but could not,, saw the,, land bearing S E, & grampuses day ends with light winds from, S, E, Lat 35 05 Lon 114,56

thoughts of home

15th/55 Monday thick weather with a fresh breese from S E maintop G sail set working to windward,, 4 P M kept her off west till sunset busy to day making spun yarn fitting a blubber tub to look at not to use,, & doing some small jobs in the rigging Lat 35,,14, Lon 115,27

16th/55 Tuesday smoky weather with a strong breeze from S E, ship under double reefed topsails & foresail back & back gamming with the columbus all day,, she had seen whales 2 times since we last saw her,, saw the the land & ship Plover of New Bedford,, sunset took in sail Plover 19 months out 200 sp 200 Whale Capt Skiff

Won $5,00 on a bet with the Capt

On Cape Seven

Dec 17th/51 Wednesday good weather with a fine breeze from S W all sail out working to windward,, busy to day making spun yarn & fitting rigging, cut over the mizzen topmast stay sail & bent it, latter part of the day gammed with the Pamelia had taken one whale since we spoke her " saw the Plover & Columbus

18th/51 Saw Several whale Spouts

Thursday begins with thick weather with a strong breeze from S W ships under double reefed topsails, 3 sails in sight & so blowing strong furled the fore topsail & close reefed the main ,, heading to the S so ends the day

19th/55 Broke out the after hatch for bread rice water & beans

Friday fine weather with a light wind from S W all sail out & so steering in for the land 3 sails in sight,, busy carpentering & so gamming with Ship Plover Capt Skiff 16 months out 250 So & 250 Wh day ends calm

20th/51 Saturday thick squally weather with a good breeze from the W & so all sail set heading to the S W busy putting on battins fitting topsail hallyards blocks, put a new line on the jib & so strong breeze double reefed the topsails,, saw 2 whalers & several merchant-men working to the S ,, caught a porpoise Lat 36,00 Lon 116,30

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Dec 21st 55 Sunday thick squally weather with a very strong breeze from S W. lying too under close reefed main topsail & foresail on the S tack most of the day saw 2 whalers lying too and a hermorpherdite brig running before the wind,, saw porpoises & grampuses,, day ends with a gale

very homesick this evening

22d Dec Monday thick weather with a strong breeze from S W ship on the S tack all day, A M double reefed top sails, P M maintop G sails, saw " sails, & the land bearing N sent down the fore spencer gaff & cut off 2 feet & sent it up day ends weather more moderate 5 men aloft but saw no whales

Let man do what ere, he will,
Fortune will be fortune still

I Wish I Was in Ky to Night

23rd 55 Tuesday good weather with a fine breeze from S W, ship under all sail working to windward,, making hanks & belaying pins, P M gammed with the Pamelia

Capt S likes company

24th 51 Wednesday hazy weather with a good breeze from S W, main top G sail out working to windward busy making spun yarn saw 2 sails & some porpoises
Lat 35,10 Lon 115,29

17 months out to day

Off Cape Lewen

Dec 25th/55 Thursday Christmas day cloudy weather with a strong breeze from S W, A M main top G sail out— P M whole topsails working to windward, broke out water from the blubber room, made a large quantity of spun yarn, saw the land bearing N, Pamelia to windward ,, saw nothing that looked like sperm whales, & the prospects look doubtful ,, Lat 25,10 Lon 115,06

26th/55 Squalls from sky looking

Friday fine weather with a good breeze from S W & a heavy swell A M main top G sail set running before the wind, P M on the S tack heading to the S, saw porpoises & the land, Pamelia to windward Lat 25,15

27th/55 Capt S looks as though he wanted to gam

Saturday very fine indeed with light airs & calms, all sail set going no where in particular, doing nothing Pamelia in sight ,, saw skipjacks & one grampus Lat 25,,32 Lon 115'54

28th/55 Sunday good weather with a strong breeze from E A M main top G sail set standing to the N E raised the bark Columbus cutting a 90 bl whale, spoke him, he had seen plenty of whales the day before going all ways we steered off to the W but saw nothing, P M strong breeze stood off shore Pamelia in sight

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Dec 29th 55 Monday thick squally weather with the wind from SW A.M. ship under whole topsails standing to the west P.M. double reefed busy mending a fore topsail broke out flour, saw grampuses & porpoises, Pamelia Columbus & two other sails in sight so ends another day of our lives

G S

113 times

30th 55 Tuesday blowing a gale of wind from the Westard all day with some rain squalls ship lying too on the starboard tack under close reefed main topsail fore & main Spencers,, a great place for Sperm whales this,

31st 55 Wednesday fine weather with light winds from SW A.M. running off before the wind under all sail P.M. standing to the E on the wind saw a large merchantman steering off saw porpoises,, after supper gammed with the Pamelia, killed a hog that weighed 47 lbs Lat 35,02 Lon 119,04

114 times

1857 New year 129.

Off Cape Leuwin

Jan first Thursday Squally weather with a strong breeze from S W A M under whole topsails steering to the E in company with the Parmelia, A M under double reefed topsails & foresail Standing to the S, saw the land bearing N E 20 miles,, thus ends another day and another year has passed away with its many changes & still the Pacific is cruising around New Holland looking for oil that was caught years ago.

Stewed & roast Pig for dinner

2d Friday fine weather with a good breeze from the South ship under all sail working to windward,, busy repairing an old spanker A M gamming with the Elisha Dunbar 26 months out 800 bbls sperm,, Parmelia in sight,, so ends this day

115 times

Third Saturday good weather with a good breeze from the S ship under all sail working to windward & running off, gamming all day with the Ship India of New Bedford Capt Howland 18 months out 600 sperm 750 whale Capt Lincoln & Capt Coggeshall came on board a little while saw one other sail day ends strong breeze

116 times
3 ships

Cruising for Sperm Whales

Jan 4th/55 Sunday thick cloudy weather
with a strong breeze from S E
A M running off to the S W P M
on the S tack, ship under whole
topsails the most of the day,, saw
3 whales one merchantman &
grampuses,, sunset saw land
bearing E 15 miles distant
Lat 33,00 Lon 119,53

5th/55 Monday thick smokey weather
with a strong breeze from the
S E, ship under close reefed
fore topsail & foresail sent
the main topsail down and
repaired it 4 P M sent it up
& close reefed it,, on the S
tack all day saw the E Dunbar
& some sunfish, at sunset
wored ship, Lat 34,53 Lon 114,54

6th/55 Tuesday very fine indeed with a
light breeze from the W standing
117 times to the E most of the day,, busy
making sennite,, saw a great
many porpoises, P M gammed
with the Elisha Dunbar

Off Cape Lewen,, New Holland

Jan 7th 51 Wednesday good weather with a good breese from S W Ship under main top G sail working to windward busy makeing senate,, each man to make 50 fathoms patched the main sail & spanker aloft Spk saw the Dunbar & India to leward and 2 more sails to windward all a gamming land bearing N E distant 25 miles ,,

8th 51 Thursday fine weather with a good breese from S E, main top G sail set sailing in every direction to find whales but saw none, took out 40 bbls of water from the blubber room,, Spk gammed with the Pamelia reports the Draco from right whale ground with one sperm whale the North Star lost & the Vesper gone home with her oil the Dolphin of Warren on this ground

⚑ Draco

118 times

9th 55 Friday smokey weather with a strong breese from the E ship under whole topsails working to windward & running off,, all hands engaged in makeing senate, saw the land to the N E, Pamelia and Draco in sight Lat 34,40 Lon 114,54

Cruising for Sperm Oil

Jan 10th 51 Saturday very smoky with a strong breeze from the E A M ship under whole topsails P M double reefed, Cape Leuwin in sight 4 oclock saw 4 sails ahead gamming, stood for them
119 & found they were the Caroline
times of New Bedford Capt Gifford 5 months out 250 bbls whale & sperm, the John & Edwards 25 months out 1700 bbls & Pamelia & Columbus,, India and Draco in sight,, the C had letters for us & reports ship Josephine Capt Allen,,,

11th 51 Sunday thick weather with a strong breeze from the South under double reefed topsails Cape Leuwin in sight, 4 oclock P M kept her off for Geograph Bay & run all night

12th 51 Monday fine weather 8 oclock A M came to anchor at a place called
In Bunbury in Geograph bay, Capt went
Port on shore & the rest of the ships company to work, sent down the fore topsail & stowed it below fitted the yard & rigging spliced in the foretopmast rigging & some new lanyards fitted jib stay, all hands very busy tarring down, such is a whalemans life

Lying in Bunbury

Jan 13th 55 Tuesday very fine indeed all hands very busy tarring down & fitting rigging getting of onions & potatoes, had several male visitors on board to trade, had fresh mutton cabages fish & cucumbers for dinner, recruits very cheap

14th Wednesday good weather with a fine breeze from the E Starboard watch on liberty Larboard watch very busy at work tarring down, stretching flour & sails putting potatoes into the tank & bent the foretopsail &c several ladies on board to see the ship, hoisted up in a chair

Bad pen

15th 55 Thursday good weather Larboard watch on shore the rest of the crew getting the ship ready for sea one lady on board

16th 55 Friday good weather with the wind to the E daylight hove short & sent the boat after the capt 9 oclock got under weigh with 5½ tons of potatoes 1½ tons of onions on board and beat up to the Vasse with 2 passengers on board, saw an English merchant brig come to anchor about 5 miles below the town 8 oclock came to anchor in 4½ fathoms of water, Capt went on shore

Lying at the Payta

Jan 17th 55 Saturday fine weather very busy to day painted ship stowed onions got off 100 bls of water & stowed it down in the blubber room a boats crew gone on shore this evening .....

Letters from shore none for me

18th 55 Sunday very hot indeed one boats crew on shore 2 men stopped all night some gentleman on board to dinner. Capt got one letter from the owners,

19th 55 Monday very hot quite busy getting ready for sea got a lot of straw for beds,, sold some oil & slush got up the studding sail booms on the fore yard, & bent a new flying jib,,,

20th 55 Tuesday hazy weather 8 oclock hove up short & sent the boat for the Capt but a sail appearing we waited for her,, proved to be the twilight,, had taken 400 bls since we last saw her, reports the ~~e~~Wars outside with lots of letters so we gave her chain & furled the sails & the Capt went on shore again

Of Cape Lewen

Jan 21st 55 Wednesday good weather with a light breeze from S.E. after breakfast hove short soon after saw the bark Pamelia & Mars comeing in, went on board the M & got letters from home,, ship got under weigh,, left Mr Edwards & shipped Mr Cook for 4th mate sunset outside Cape Naturalist strong breeze took in sail & set the watch,, decks all clear,, Mars 30 bbls

51 packages of letters but none for me

22 Thursday smokey weather & a calm & a fine breeze from S W, main top G sail set working to windward started some water & did some small jobs land in sight all day,, saw a finback,, sunset took in sail

23rd 55 Friday cloudy weather with a good breeze from the S main top G sail out the most of the day,, quite busy fixing pumps,, ours rigging rove new main buntlines on the S side painted a boat on the house,, repaired the mainsail & broke out meat day ends rugged, working to windward Lat 33,47

Cruisein off Lewin

Jan
24th/55 Saturday smokey weather with a strong breeze from the S
18 Ship under double reefed topsails
months working to windward,, busy makeing
out boards & sorting onions & small
to day jobs saw grampuses & the lands
Lat 33,,15

25th/55 Sunday fine weather with a
good breeze from S,W, main top
G sail set working to windward
saw a large sun fish & the land
Cape Lewin bearing E S E 15 miles
distant sunset set whole watches

26th/55 Monday very fine with light
winds from the S,, all sail set
working to windward, 9 oclock A M
lowered down the S boat & went on
board an Englishman merchant-
120 man to carry letters, the Capt came
times on board to get a few potatoes onions
& a peice of cloth,, brought us some
English papers,, was bound to the
Isle of France,, P M put a keel on
to a boat on the house & put her
on the Starboard cranes & put the
S boat on the house, did some
small jobs,, caught a porpoise
& a large Shark saved his skin for
sand paper day ends fine, saw
grampuses

Steering to the S E

Jan 27th/55 Tuesday very fine with a light breeze from the S W, all sail out steering S E bent a foretopmast studdingsail and set it — & A gammed with B. K. Columbus & ship India ,, took all the potatoes out of the tank & sold Capt Taylor half a ton of potatoes & 100 lbs of onions & bought a hawser, sunset took in top G sails & main sail steering off, so ends the day

121 times 2 ships

28th/55 Wednesday fine weather & a fine breeze from S E all sail set standing on the S tack ,, busy picking over potatoes & fitting a hawser & doing small jobs ,, 6 oclock tacked ship Columbus in company ,, saw the land & any quantity of porpoises one sail in sight. Lat 35,,30 Lon 116,,40

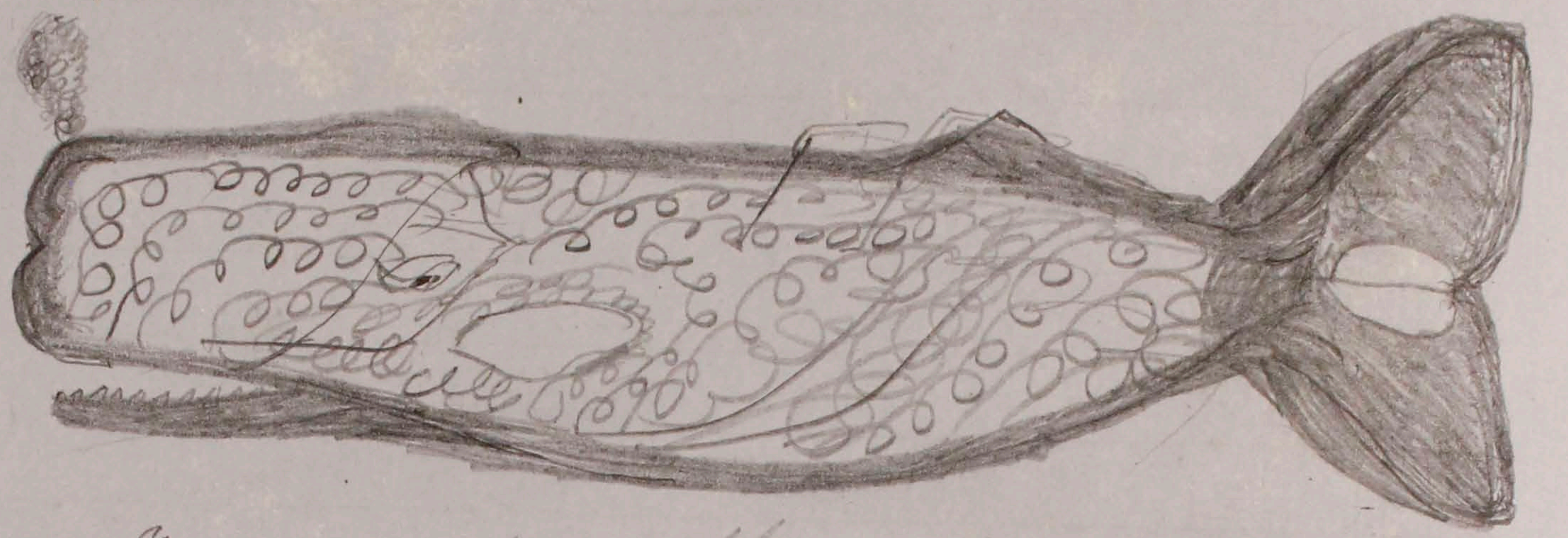
pulling teeth

29th/55 Thursday fine weather with a good breeze from the E 6 oclock saw a large whale going to leeward lowered 3 boats but could not strike him ,, came on board & chased him 2 hours with the ship & then lowered again but could not strike him after dinner saw more whales to leeward & 2 barks in sight a whaling lowered down again & waist boat struck & soon after upset, starboard boat stove & broke hoisting up all to pieces saved the whale & got the fluke chain on by dark, set a quarter watch

Such is life & such is our luck

On the South Coast

Jan 30 th



Turned up 92 bls & Stowed 83
Lat 36,,04 South Lon 116,,40 East

Boatsteer bit by a Shark — Friday fine weather with an easterly wind, cutting & running off,, finished & bailed the case all hands turned in

31 st 51 — Saturday very fine,, easterly wind ,, whole topsails,, boiling the body ,, S M Spoke the Ann a boiling

122 times — gammed, had seen plenty of whales the last 3 days caught 2 struck 5 ,, hard luck,,

Feb ~~32~~ st first — Sunday very fine with light winds from the W under short-sail boiling S M gammed with the Ann & did some trading saw grampuses

123 times

Of New Holland

Feb 2d Monday good weather & light airs from the W boiling Ann & Columbus in sight. Smoking, saw grampuses, evening cooled down turned up 90 bls

3d/55 Tuesday very light winds from the S W with thick weather, very busy clearing up decks & washing off broke out the after hatch for butter sugar & slops steering to the E under a whole main topsail,, saw 3 sails,, sunset set a quarter watch

4th/55 Wednesday thick weather with some rain,, light wind from the S, busy stowing down, in the main hold) starboard side, ship under short-sail on both tacks, saw the Ann & Columbus & some porpoises sunset boats crew watches

5th/55 Thursday begins with moderate weather from the W ship under all sail working to windward quite busy at small jobs, saw the Ann & a number of merchantmen & so steering here & ends with a close reefed main topsail boats crew watches ,,

My Mothers Birth Day 43

On the South Coast—

Oct 6th 55 Friday good weather with a good breeze from the S W all sail set working to windward & running off,, sent down the foresail & cut off a foot from the head & sent it up again

124 times Sh gammed with the Columbus had taken one whale,, saw " sails,, caught a porpoise through the fin Lat 36,12 & 116 57

7th 55 Saturday clear weather with a good breeze from the E, & Ne all sail out on the S tack & ho steering N at 4 oclock reefed the topsails, saw sun fish Columbus in sight,, sunset took in sail,, saw killers,, getting homesick....

8th 55 Sunday fine weather with a good breeze from the S E main top G sail set working to windward

American saw a sun fish & 2 sails sunset signalized a yankee merchantman with 6 square sails on a mast, bound to the W,, took in sail & set the watch Lat 35,55 Lon 116,35 East—

Of New Holland

Feb 9th 55 Monday thick hazy weather with a strong breeze from the S E & the Ship under double reefed topsails & ch furled the mainsail busy at all sorts of work & working to windward saw one sail

10th 55 Tuesday thick smokey weather with a light breeze from the E all sail out steering to the south all day,, sent down the main top G sail & repaired it & sent it up again broke out the fore hold for shooks,, saw one merchant-man,, Lat 37. Lon 117

11th 55 Wednesday very thick weather with a moderate breeze from the E all sail set, standing to the S very busy at all sorts of work, Cooper makeing a mincing tub, struck 3 porpoises & lost them,, sunset reefed ship & took in sail

12th 55 Thursday foggy with a light winds from the S E all sail set working to windward, very busy on deck makeing spun yarn mincing tub & other jobs,, stood whole watches but did not carry much sail

couldent set up the tub

Working to the S E

Feb 13th 55 Friday good weather & a good S E wind main top G. sail set working to windward, busy making Spun-yarn,, Cooper try to make his tub over & cutting the nots off the deck,, the 2 boatsteerers getting better

14th 55 Saturday good weather with a good breeze from S S W standing to the S E under all sail very busy making Spunyarn & other jobs,, Cooper couldnt make the tub give it up & we commences building one of plank, saw finbacks & grampuses,, evening saw 3 merchantman steering to the W Lat 39,50 Lon 119,57

15th Sisters birth day 25 Sunday begins with cloudy weather & good breeze from S W all sail out steering to the S E 10 A.M set the fore top-mast studding sail & so strong breeze & squally going 8 knots by the log commenced keeping dead reckning,, saw nothing
Lat by observasion 41,,47 Lon 12214

Bound to the Eastward

Feb

16th 55 Monday squally weather with a strong breeze from S W carrying top mast & lower studding sails steering S E saw one sail & some finbacks

17th 55 Tuesday squally weather with a strong breeze from S W steering S E Po A M carried away studding boom with both sails set on it & the lost in top G sail, getting rugged ,, by dead reckoning Lat 45,22 Lon 129,15
Squall

18th 55 Wednesday squally weather with a strong breeze from the S W steering E S E with studding sails set saw nothing Lat 46, Lon 133 by dead reck
Killed a pig

19th 55 Thursday good weather with light winds from the W all sail set steering E, finished the mincing out Saw nothing Evening wind hauled to the N Lat 46,50 Lon 137,,20 by dead reckoning

20th 55 Friday squally weather with a strong breeze from N W main top G sail set steering E N E caught a porpoise by dead reckoning Lat 46 27 Lon 141,22 evening wind veered to the W.

Bound to Eastward

Feb

21st 55 Saturday very squally with a strong breeze from the S W steering E N E A M main top G sail set & P M double reefed topsails saw porpoises, Lat 46,05 Lon 146.13 dead

22 Sunday hazy weather with light winds from the W all sail set steering E N E saw nothing, Lat by the log 45,,51 Lon 148,,36

23 Monday good weather with a breeze from the W all sail set steering E N E broke out water & stowed up the blubber room broke out the after hatch for rice & soap Lat 45,36 Lon 150,,16

24 Tuesday good weather with a light breeze from the west all sail out steering to the E N E got the mincing machine in order saw plenty of birds

25 Wednesday fine weather with a very light wind from the W all sail set steering to the E N E,, A M broke out the after hold & stowed a pipe of water between decks & P M stoped up the scuppers & washed off the ship with lie Lat by log 45,,55, Lon 158,,

Bound to the Easward

Feb
26th 55 Thursday very fine with light winds
from the W steering to the E N E
with all sail set, set up top G
back stay — made mast coat for
foremast Lat by dead reckoning
44,41 Lon 163,49 by the log

27th 55 Friday good weather with light
winds from the W all sail set steering
to the E busy at small jobs saw
finbacks, broke studding sail boom
& splised it,, Lat by log 44 25, Lon 163,56

28th 55 Saturday squally weather with a N W
wind steering E by N 1/2 N 8 oclock raised
Birth the land ahead at a long distance
day dead reckoning right & chronometer
23 right,, broke out molases 4 P M saw
a ship in shore,, ran down to
her & found it to be the Pacific
of Hobart town,, gammed

March
first Sunday raining like fun with a
strong breeze from the N ship under
125 close reefed main topsail & foresail
times standing off & on with the P the
a boiling, the P reports the Alexander
with a Doolittle had taken 8 whales in one
week,, the J Allen 300 & the Waverly
last seen on a lee shore with a whale
supposed to be lost with all hands,
God grant it may not be so
day ends with bad weather and
Barometer very low

On the West Coast

March
2d Monday squally weather with
a strong breeze from the W S
ship under double reefed
topsails most of the day Also
spoke the schooner Eliza
& ran down along shore with
her & saw her go into Milford
Haven & we stood off shore
fore topsail furled blowing
strong

3rd/55 Tuesday cloudy weather with
the wind W N W under double
reefed topsails part of the day
calm, quite handy to the land
making weather certain, very heavy
swell, caught 2 Albatros, barometer
low,, working off shore,

4th/55 Wednesday a gale of wind from
the S W lying off & on under
3 close reefed topsails, started
cheers water,, saw nothing,, to day
for the Presedant takes his seat, we
Col dont know who it is but we
Fremont think it is Col, Freemont

5th/55 Thursday,, clear weather with a gale
of wind from S W, lying too under
fine 2 close reefed topsails & spencers
time most of the day, on both tacks
to mend clewed up the main topsail
sails & repaired it,, land in sight all
the time, plenty of snow out,, think
we saw a sperm whale, but are not certain

Of New Zealand

March

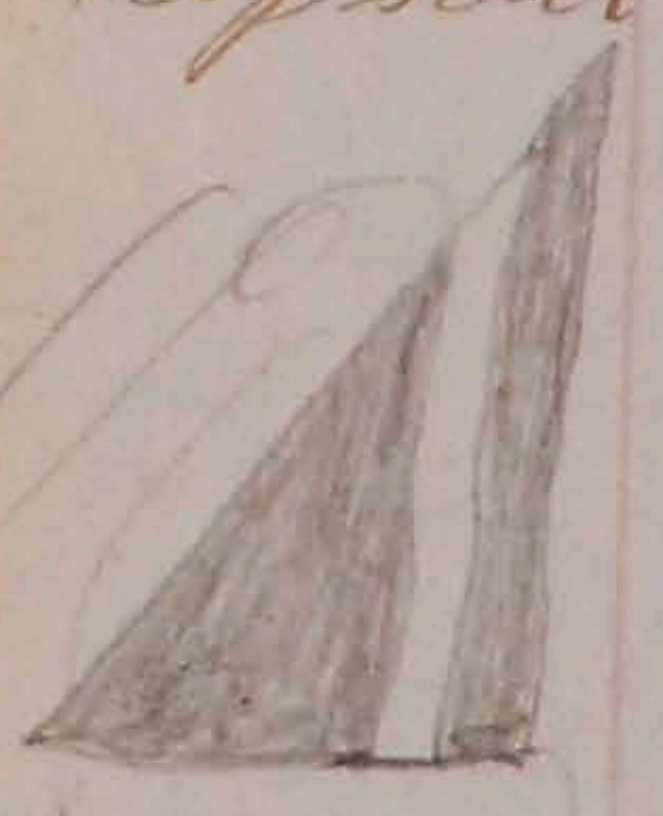
6th Friday good weather with a moderate
126 breeze from the S & W all sail set
times standing off & on, looking sharp for
2 sperm whales, P.M. gammed with the
caught Schooner Eliza & ship Pacific they
6 had seen spouts but we had seen
gonies none, sunset took in sail, land
15 miles distant

7th Saturday very fine indeed with calms
127 & light airs from all quarters, 7 oclock
times saw the ship & schooner lower their
boats & pull in shore 10 lowered
lucky our boats & pulled in found they
boat had been chasing whales in large
quantities but we saw none, came
on board & had gonies for dinner
I P.M. calm land 20 miles off day ends
wish gamming with the P, gave him some
I potatoes & sold him some tobacco,
was Thus day after day passes away & we
at see no whales, is it always to be so,
home our lot is hard but still we must
to try to bear it, far away from home
night, & friends where no news good or bad
I reaches us, with hard luck on every
cannot side, poverty staring us in the face
dance old age creeping on,, it is enough to
to discourage any body but,, true free born
night Americans,, & we will not be discour
aged, but trust in providence untill
the end of all things

Our pig refuses to lay on a good bed & says
look out for squalls, good as a Barometer

On the West Coast

March 8th 55 Sunday begins with good weather, 3 oclock A M commenced blowing from the N E land 15 miles distant,, shortened sail
Furled in haste, split the jib the
the whole length,, under a close
main reefed main topsail stay sail
topsail & main spencer heading off shore blowing & raining sweet,, 2 P M blowing a perfect screamer with a heavy sea & rain, took in the main topsail, the bow boat on deck & waist to the davy heads, 5 oclock died calm in a moment, ship unmanageable got sail on as quick as possible & got her off before it without damage, day ends moderate with heavy swell, barometer low



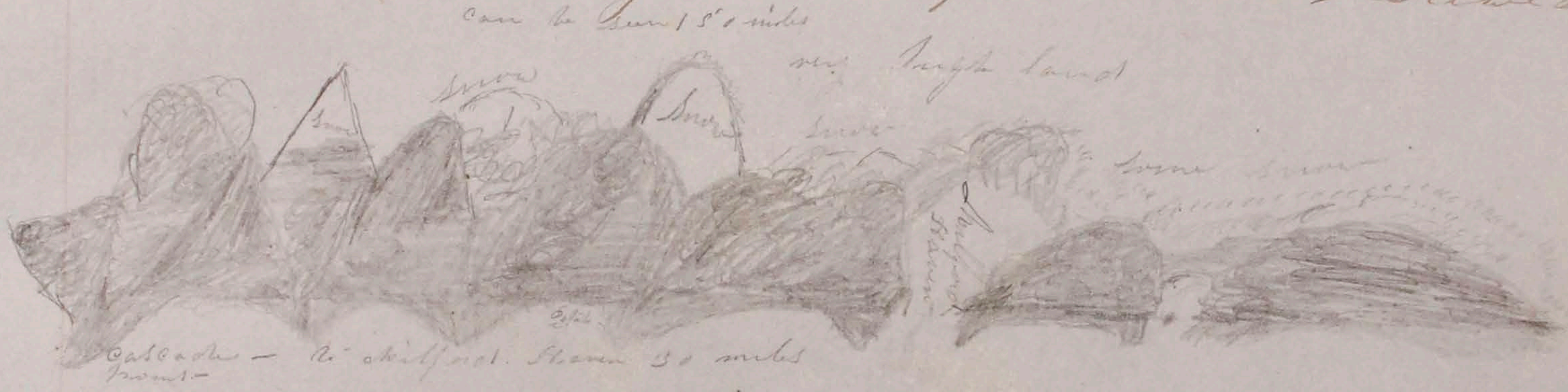
9th 55 Monday begins squally with light
Preventer winds from N E, P M blowing &
brace raining under close reefed main
topsail topsails land 30 miles distant,,
yard Oh for some good weather and plenty of whales & a little good
bent luck and if we cant get some
jib oil I for one, am willing to go home without any, Such is life

Oh for good old times such as I have seen,, I will trust in Providence, we may see a chance yet,, if we dont I know the way to the Rochester poorhouse.

Off New Zealand

10th 55 March — Tuesday very fine indeed all sail set standing off & on the land with a moderate breeze from the N.W. shortest distance 15 miles large, saw nothing that looked like whales very busy drying clothes made an awning to keep the rain off of the try works in case we should ever use them again,, P.M. turned up the waist boat & repaired & painted her, had 2 gonies for dinner, stewed

Black pig says it is coming


can be seen 150 miles
very high land
snow
snow
snow
snow
some snow
Milford Haven
Cascade point — to Milford Haven 50 miles

11th 55 — Wednesday thick squally weather with a strong breeze from N.E. 7 oclock A.M. ship under close reefed top sails with foresail furled & A.M. set main top sail & main top G sail & fore sail & kept her off S.W. busy mending jib 11 A.M. raised a sail luffed too to leeward of her & she ran across our stern, black bark from Hobartown 10 days had a narrow white streak did not understand her name, was not on her stern wanted to know our longitude had not seen the land was clear, we took in every thing but close reefed main topsail & luffed too off shore in company day ends rugged

Furled main topsail

Looking for Sperm Whales

March 12th 55 Thursday fine weather with a light breeze from the W Ship under double reefed top-sails & foresail steering in shore busy at small jobs broke out meat sunset luffed to the wind land in sight 50 miles distant

13th 55 Friday squally thick rainy weather with a fresh breez from the W and a very heavy swell Ship under close reefed top-sails & foresail working to windward, broke out bread, found a poor cask condemned it, going to eat the good first, English barque in sight all day,, saw the land a long distance off day ends with bad weather

14th 55 Saturday quite good weather with a strong breez from S W, A M under double reefed top sails standing in shore, P M ran down along the land & spoke barque Renamode of Hobertown 5 weeks out 60 bls,, stood close in to the land & then stood off took in courses & close reefed day ends rugged saw the black barque to windward

On the West-Coast of New Zealand

March 15th 55 Friday clear weather most of the day with a strong breeze from S W,, under close reefed topsails most of the time, standing off & on 10 oclock Milford Haven bore E 5 miles distant, saw pieces of squid and large quantities of gonies, caught 2 saw the Lemonade to windward under a close reefed main top sail, day ends strong breeze but clear lying too under close reefed main top sail & spencers

16th 55 Monday very fine indeed & do standing in shore under short sail with a good breeze from the S W 6 oclock carried away the slings to the fore yard but soon repaired damages & do set the main top G sail, Milford Haven bearing E 20 miles 3 oclock raised 3 ships to windward & in shore of us whaling & 2 barques standing in toward them & the schooner E coming out of the Haven to the scene, we commenced working to windward as fast as possible, but of course the wind died away & we could not get there saw one take a whale along side and commence cutting, called her the Alexander the other ships were the J Allen & Pacific at sunset called their boats on board without a whale, the barques were the Lemonade & Black barque with white streak name unknown, such is our luck always too late such is the will of Providence in [illegible] [illegible]

carried away slings to fore yard

whales

our luck

on Black pig says bad weather,, foolish pig

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

March 17th/55 Tuesday begins with thick weather & strong breeze from the S.E. Standing in toward the land 7 o'clock A.M. wore ship Milford Haven bearing E.N.E. 8 miles,, 5 sails in sight the schooner E steering for some cove to shield her from the coming storm, the Haven being to windward, 8 o'clock hove to under close reefed main top sail spencer & stay sail blowing strong from the N.N.E & raining at 11 took in bow boat & waist to davy heads blowing a screamer & raining very slanting fine times these, 4 P.M. dead calm & the Pacific rocked about like an egg shell 2 sails in sight Thus, ends another day

catching gonies

18th/55 Wednesday squally rainy blowy weather with a breeze from W. to N.W. land under our lee part of the day mainsail & jib set working off shore broke out water & flour, 3 P.M. spoke the ship that took the whale along side & found her to be the Prince Regent of Hobertown,, had lost a part & saved a piece,, guess it was a small piece,, Says the other ships that were Seaseing were the Alexander & Pacific day ends very squally 3 sails in sight the Haven bearing E 12 miles carrying close reefed topsails foresail & stay sail spencer & spanker to get off lee shore Barometer stands 29,20 & the Black Pig says bad weather

On the West-Coast of New Zealand

March
19th Thursday squally weather with the wind
from S.W. to S working off shore under
easy sail broke out the lower hold for
128 oil & meat - saw a sunfish 3 sails
gams in sight, 5 o'clock P.M. spoke ship Jas
Allen 200 W & 200 Sp, reports Alexander
J A 1100 Sp, Mr Vanwyke came on board
had for letters but it was so rugged he
lost did not stop but a moment so we
a got no particulars. day ends bad weather
boat from S.S.W.

20th Friday clear but blowing from S.W.
under close double reefed topsails most of
the day holding on to windward
saw the J A & 2 more sails, 4 P.M.
took in fore topsail,, day ends more
moderate Milford Haven bearing
S.E. 20 miles distant at sunset),,
some prospects of better weather
tomorrow barometer rising
Oh for some oil

21st Saturday fine weather with light winds
from S.W., all sail set quite busy at
Poor work in the rigging 12 o'clock meridian
Pig spoke ship Alexander Capt D came on
is board for his letters 2 P.M. J A came down
gone & had a regular gam 7 sails in sight
at killed the black hog for luck day
last ends calm Haven bearing S.E. 20 miles
& a large quantity of snow on the
hope mountains.
we shant
have to eat him in a gale

124 gams

Cruisering for Sperm Oil

March
22 Sunday begins with good weather
with 5 sails in sight,, wind from
Starboard the N light, all sail set A M
watch ran down along the land,, 8 ok
refuse strong breeze & rugged 7 oclock
to eat reffed to off shore & shortened
pig sail sunset lying too under
81 close reefed main top sail
saw jumpers

23 Monday begins blowing from the
N & raining,, ship hove too under
close reefed maintopsail, 1 P ok
took the bow boat in on deck,,
saw nothing day ends wind from
S W,, on S tack

……

Be Has fortune frowned, my honest friends
au Don't hang your head so low;
ti This is no time to falter now;
fu Up, strike another blow;
ll, Don't sit and groan, and grunt and tell
What you have tried to do;
But place your shoulder to the wheel
Strain nerve, and, *put her through*

……

24th Tuesday very fine,, with a good breeze
from S W, all sail out standing off
& on the land,, 5 sails in sight
Ladies P ok Spoke Bk Emily Downing
of Hobartown 8 weeks out clean
2 ladies on board sunset took in
sail,

On the West Coast of New Zealand

March
25th 55 Wednesday very fine indeed with a good
breeze from S W all sail out standing off
& on the land Milford Haven bearing E by
130 N 7 sails,, broke out water from the blubber
gammed room & bent another jib 5 o'c Spoke the
Flying Childers of Hobartown 3 weeks
out clean,, reports the Hunter in 46 no oil
since last sun. Milford Haven E by N
25 miles at sunset

26th 55 Thursday begins with good weather and
calm gamming with the Flying
Childers, bought a boat for 30 pounds
paid 50 dollars & 11 boxes of tobacco
131 5 o'c breeze from the N under
gammed whole top sails sailing with the F C
beat her sunset capt came on board
took in sail,, 6 sail in sight, land
30 miles off day ends calm

27th 55 Friday very fine but calm all day
got up a blacksmiths forge to
fix a hoisting strap to the English
Fighting boat got her ready & put her on
in the Larboard cranes & put the other
the on the house, 5 sails in sight land
forecastle 30 miles distant Haven bearing E
day ends thick fog & light breeze from
the N.W

Cruising for Sperm Whales

March 28th 55 Saturday begins with good weather with a good breeze from the N all sail set steering in for the land 12 oclock Milford Haven bearing to the N of E 15 miles distant,, kept her off down along shore 2 P M luffed to the wind & double reefed the topsails 5 sails in sight 4 oclock gamming with the Flying Childers & Running neck Capt S gone to see a pretty woman,, sunset took in bow boat,, day ends strong breeze from the N & squally,

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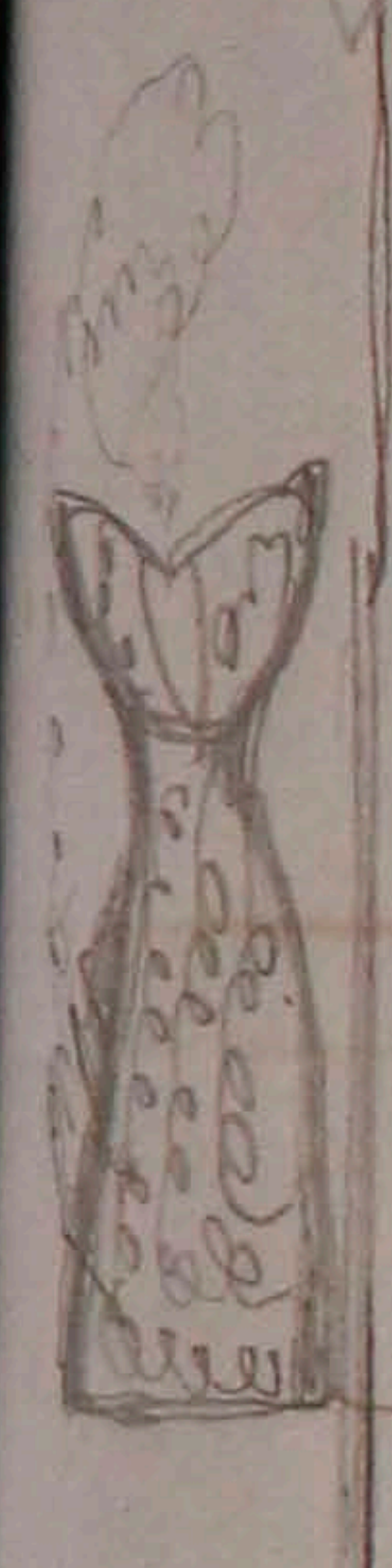
gammed

29th 55 Sunday raining weather with a strong breeze from N N E ship lying too under close reefed main topsail main spencer & stay sail off & one half watch below,, saw nothing

very home sick

30th Monday begins raining like fun all day we looked for better weather but it did not come till 4 P M, lying all day under close reefed main topsail with a moderate breeze from the N, ship on the starboard tack half the watch below,, such is the life of the whaleman, day after day passes away & still we live in hope, saw one sail, if Capt S only had the faith of a grain of mustard seed, he would say I will get some oil,, & then get it

getting very low spirited, living on Hope wont fat a man



On the West Coast of New Zealand

March 31st 55

Tuesday begins bright & clear,, fine breeze from the N,, Alas, little did the laughing mirthful crew of the barque Pacific, think, this morning as she was ploughing along with all her canvas spread, yes, little did they think then, that ere the sun should sink behind the western horizon, they would sail silently over the grave of one of their number,, yet so it was, ,,How truly has it been said that in the midst of life we are in death,

8 oclock A M made the land 10 miles to the S of Marys bay, several sails in sight, 11 oclock saw ship Jas Allen 10 miles to windward whaling,, 2 P M passed her 3 boats with a whale spouting blood stood in shore & raised 3 whales 5 miles from land going to leeward kept the ship for them & soon after lowered 3 boats, the Pacific of N Town lowered 4 soon after,, the whales, turned to wind ward & we came on board & hoisted up & made sail off shore one sail in sight off shore whaling,, a little past 4 saw 3 whales ahead going to leeward very quick lowered down 3 boats, the bow boat went along side of one & gave him 2 irons & was instantly stove & upset the crew all got on top of the boat but it was so rough that they could not keep there,, & one poor fellow not knowing how to swim sunk to rise no more till the sea shall give up the dead, when he was washed from the boat

boat stove and a man drowned

Pacific in trouble

Mr Allen swam to him & tried to save him,, & the poor fellow clung to him till the Larboard boat reached the spot & then let go his hold & went to meet his God,, he was a Dutchman, kind obligeing & good & sadly will he be missed by his shipmates but he is gone we hope to a better world where the wicked cease from troubleing & the weary are at rest,, As night was drawing her sable mantle around us we picked up our stoven boat, and returned to the ship took in sail got supper & with heavy hearts retired to our births to mourn over our loss; such is the life of the whaleman

April first

Wednesday begins cloudy weather & light baffling winds all sail set & 10 o'clock A M got a strong breeze from S E kept her off to the N Spoke the J & A cutting, took the old boat off the house & took her to peaces & commenced repairing the bow boat, painted one on the house blue with a black & white streak 5 P M blowing strong ship under double reefed top sails courses furled 8 o'clock luffed too off shore 20 miles south of Milford Haven,, 2 ships 2 barks & one brig in sight,, close reefed the main top sail & furled the fore

159. 7.

On the West-Coast of New Zealand

April 2d sad fact on board the P

Thursday blowing a gale of wind from S S W Ship under close reefed main top sail standin off & on the land at Mays bay 6 sails in sight, very busy to day mending boat,, painting broke out the after hold for sugar, coffee, molasses rice toolin 25 lbs meat & stowed off again broke out the main hatch for flour & water,, day ends blowing very strong

3 Obs 15

Friday clear but blowing a gale from S S W under close reefed main top sail tack & tack 2 sail in sight,, very busy repairing boat & painting one where the salt water washes it off as fast as we put it on & so spoke the Prince Regent, once the King of Englands yacht but now an old tub, the Capt has his lady on board & she gave birth to a young sailor a short time since

born in a gale

4 Obs 55

Saturday very fine indeed with a good breeze from S W all sail set standing off & on the land just to the N of Milford Haven very to work on the boats, finished painting the one on the house blue bottom small black streak stone colour & black upper work & so stood in close to the land & starboard & waist boats went in a fishing & caught a 150 lbs, 7 sail in sight one fore & aft schooner & so spoke a brig

fish

5

April 5th/55 Sunday very fine indeed with light baffling winds all sail set & so gammed with the J Allen got a chest of tea & sold a 100 lbs of Sugar got a Speaking trumpet,, 7 sails in sight 133 gammed

6th/55 Monday very fine & smothe with light breze from the N all sail out cruising,, busy repairing boat got a boat out on the bow cranes & so gamming with the flying Childers 7 sail in sight Millford Haven bearing NE 15 miles 134 times

7th/55 Tuesday fine weather with a light breeze from S W all sail set standing off & on the land 11 miles south of Millford Haven, finished mending mending the boat & put her on the house & so gammed with the Saphire of Hobertown 3 months out clean Capts lady on board sunset waist boat went in shore & got some fish,, caught 2 porpoises on board the ship, 135

Wednesday

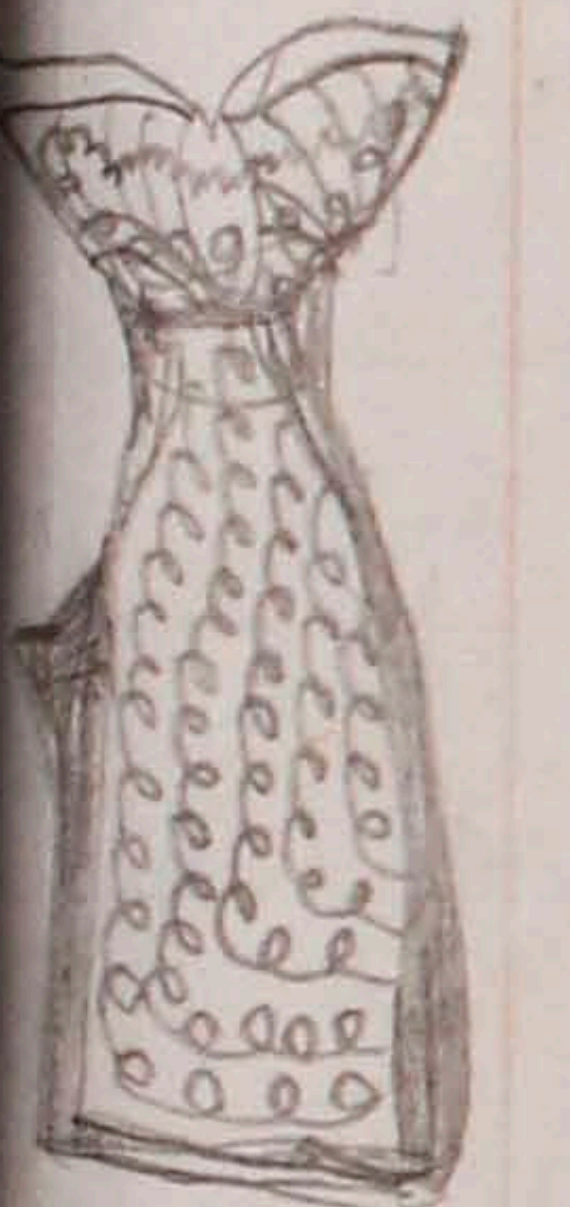
8th/55 very fine with light winds from N busy at small jobs painted the boat on the house saw a Sulphur bottom & so gammed with the J A 9 sails in sight day ends calm 136 gammed

On the West Coast of New Zealand

April 9th 55 Thursday begins with thick weather & light winds from S.W. standing off shore under whole topsails 8 oclock A.M. good breeze,, raised sperm whales a mile off to windward of the ship coming to leeward quick but by the time we got the boats ready to lower they were going to windward eyes out, chased to windward 2 hours but could not catch them, the Bark Isabella came down & lowered her boats but could not strike them Runnymede & Jas Allen were under our lee but could not sail fast enough 12 oclock very strong breeze double reefed & stowed mainsail & M broke out water & bread, day ends rugged, lying to under close reefed main topsail,, saw no land

Spoke the Isabella

2 - Pass for us



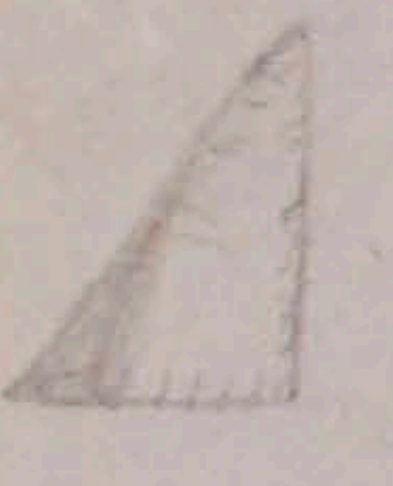
10th 55 Friday begins blowing a gale of wind from S.W. lying too under close reefed main topsail, on the Starboard tack,, half watch below latter part of the day moderate saw the land 20 miles distant-

1~~2~~th 55
11 Saturday strong breeze from the N with plenty of rain lying too under close reefed main topsail & spencer, on the S tack, broke out meat found one tierce of beef spoiled, threw it over board, day ends strong breeze from S.W., barometer very low,

Cruising for Sperm Oil

April
12th/55 Sunday begins with squally weather from S W. Ship hove to on the starboard tack under close reefed main topsail, 9 oclock A M wind hauled to W N W, ran off before the wind 2 hours & reefed to on the S tack saw one sail latter part of the day wind to the S W with very heavy hail squalls,, Oh for a cot in some vast wilderness

13th/55 Monday begins with a gale of wind from S W with heavy hail accompanied by thunder & lightning 4 oclock A M blowed away fore top mast stay sail,, clewed up main topsail, latter part of the day more moderate lying too under close reefed main topsail & fore spencer tack & tack heavy sea on but ship very dry, saw one sail with main topsail furled



Stay sail gone

14th/55 Tuesday blowing from the S W under close reefed topsails & spencers tack & tack,, very squally,, 8 A M bent a new fore top mast stay sail saw nothing but clouds water & birds,, Oh that I was once more a boy at work on a farm, I never more would roam,, but life at the longest is but short in this world, & we must prepare for a better

On the West Coast of New Zealand

April 15th 55 Wednesday thick squally weather with a smart breeze from W & S W under double reefed topsails & foresail tack & tack, watch busy at small jobs saw the land 15 distan & one sail passed several pieces of squid birds plenty but no whales, all hands very low spirited some of us homesick & cross,, yet while there is life there is hope, it is often the darkest just before day

(the crew) (of the) (Pacific) (talking) (seriously) (about) (the Poor) (House)

16th 55 Thursday begins with squally weather & blowing from the S W going too tack & tack under close reefed main topsail spencers & stay sail,, measured the fore stay & cut a stay sail, 65 yards of cotton canvas, saw 3 sails & the land Milford Haven bearing S E 20 miles day ends more mod) erate wind to the S

17th 55 Friday good weather with a moderate breeze from S W all sail set working
137 to windward very busy making a stay sail broke out water from the main hold 2 sails in sight - 6 PM gammed with the barque Lady Emma of Ho Town,, clean, got news from America that Beaucannon President, saw the land 20 miles distant day ends squally from the W

Cruiseing For Sperm

April
18th/55 Saturday fine weather with
got a light breeze from the N
a dog all sail set cruiseing about
from the P.M. gammed with the Issabella
S at & J Allen, finished fore stay sail
138 & bent it, land 25 miles off

19th/55 Sunday begins with good
weather & moderate breeze from
139 N all sail set steering to the
gamms S 6 sail in sight, P.M. gammed
with Alexander & J Allen the A
boiling a 75 bl whale day ends
with some rain squalls Milford
Haven bearing E 20 miles

20th/55 Monday begins with fine weather
& smart breeze from S W all
sail set 8 oclock A.M. saw 2
barques to leeward that seemed
to be whaling & 4 other sails
steering for them, kept the old
P off a little & spread the canvas
to the breeze, & was on the spot
first but saw nothing, both bks
hauled up & stood off shore land
4 miles distant P.M. strong breeze
but clear 6 sail in sight Milford
bearing E, day ends lying to under
close reefed main topsail

Oil On the Coast of New Zealand

April 21st Tuesday begins with good weather and a strong S W wind standing in shore under double reefed topsails,, sent the spanker down & bent another P.M light baffling winds,, 6 sails in sight day ends fine 5 miles to the N of Milford Haven

22 Wednesday very fine indeed with airs from the E working to the South all day 7 sail in sight very busy makeing spun yarn made some bulls eyes & rove some new rope fore tacks rove some new main topsails braces & stranded stuff, P.M gammed with the schooner Margo Capt Stevenes Stewarts Island 7 weeks out clean, got some fresh fish day ends with light baffling winds barometer higher than it has been the voyage. no whales for the P

140 B

23rd Thursday very fine with calms & light airs from all quarters, ((Ship drifting about,, with all sail out)) busy at small jobs 13 sail in sight,, land 10 miles distant,, no whales to be seen steward sick

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

April 24th ,, Friday very fine with a stiff breeze from SW main top G sail set- standing off & on the land, broke out the fore hold for a cask of bread to give to the J Allen, to feed her pigs on,, 8 oclock commenced

141 G

21 months out

gamming, 8 oc Capts D & S went in shore a fishing, left the mates gamming,, 1 sail in sight,, sunset land 3 miles distant- off Parson bay

25th ,, Saturday thick & showery with light breezes from the NW main top G sail set- gamming all day with the schooners Eliza & Margs,, latter part of the day calms,, thus time passes

142 G

26th ,, Sunday begins thick rainy weather & calm, 10 oc cleared up with wind SW made all sail & stood off & on the land,, 6 sail in sight- day ends calm Lat 44,50

27th ,, Monday very fine indeed with light airs & calms all day,, fitted the slings to the main yard & made a craw fish net,, land 20 miles distant- saw 5 sail day ends with breeze from the S with some rain

April 28th On the Coast of New Zealand

Tuesday begins with thick weather & a strong breeze from W. ship under double reefed topsails one sail in sight 8 oks lying too under close reefed main top sail fore stay sail & main spencer, raining big drops & blowing hard

29th Wednesday thick rainey weather & light winds from W. main top sail set standing off & on, saw the top of the land once & one sail day ends very thick

30th Thursday thick foggy weather with a strong breeze from the W. ship under storm sails tack & tack broke out the rum to make good stoage saw nothing day ends blowing a gale from W.

green corn & roast mutton

May 1st Friday blowing a gale of wind from S.W. lying too under storm sails on both tacks took bow boat on deck, waist to davy heads, just at night saw a whale but could not tell what kind day ends calm thick & wet

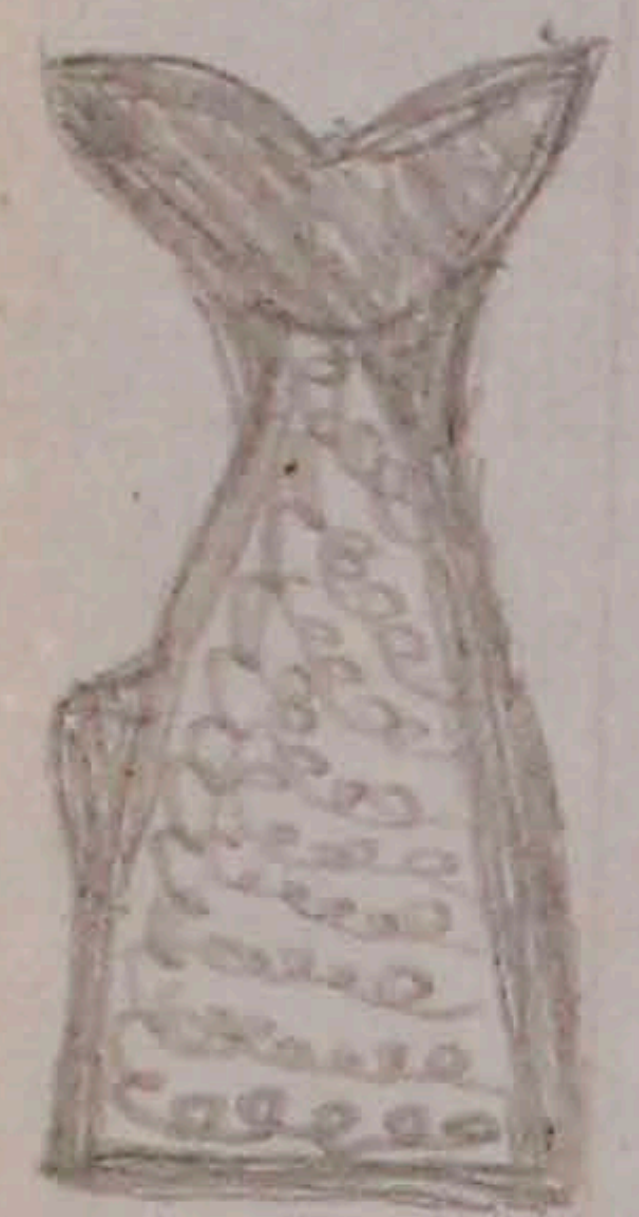
rain rain rain

Sec Saturday begins with a gale of wind from the W. with plenty of rain lying too under storm sails on both tacks 8 ok wind hauled round to S W cleared up & blowed day ends more moderate

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

May Third Sunday begins with hazy smoky weather from the S W with a stiff breeze 7 o'clock A M raised Sperm whales to leeward comeing quick to windward got breakfast & lowered 3 boats, but they came up to windward of us,, came on board & set main top g. s sail & started her to windward,, but we soon lost sight of them, passed bark Lady Emma & hailed her,, saw the land 40 miles distant & M very strong breeze & day ends blowing a gale from the S lying too under storm sails, so goes another Sabbath

dont be to slow



Causes & Reasons mind the word

4th Monday begins blowing a gale of wind from S, P M blowing a gale from S lying too under close reefed main topsail on the larboard tack pitched away martingale guy, day ends blowing hard with plenty of rain

5th Tuesday squally with a strong breeze from S W ship under storm sails on the starboard tack, one sail in sight, broke out some oil from the after hold, day ends more moderate Lat 44,,48 Lon 64,,30

On the Coast of New Zealand

May 6th ,, Wednesday cloudy squally weather with a moderate breeze from the W all sail set steering to the SE most of the day fitted martingale guy spade box & did some other small jobs, saw the land & 2 sail day ends strong breeze from SW & squally ship under storm sails

7th ,, Thursday squally weather with a strong breeze from the W ship under double reefed topsails most of the day,, saw the land & one sail,, prospects look gloomy,,

8th ,, Friday squally bad weather from the W. Ship under storm sails back & tack, broke out bread flour & water from the hold saw one sail, ran for her but she did not wait, & good

9th ,, Saturday these 24 hours strong breezes from the S & W with heavy hail squalls ship lying too tack & tack under storm sails, saw one burgee & the land all covered with snow, 30 miles distant

10th ,, Sunday squally windy weather from SW. Ship under double reefed topsails & foresail most of the day back & tack saw the land Milford Haven bearing SE

Locking at the Coast Of

May

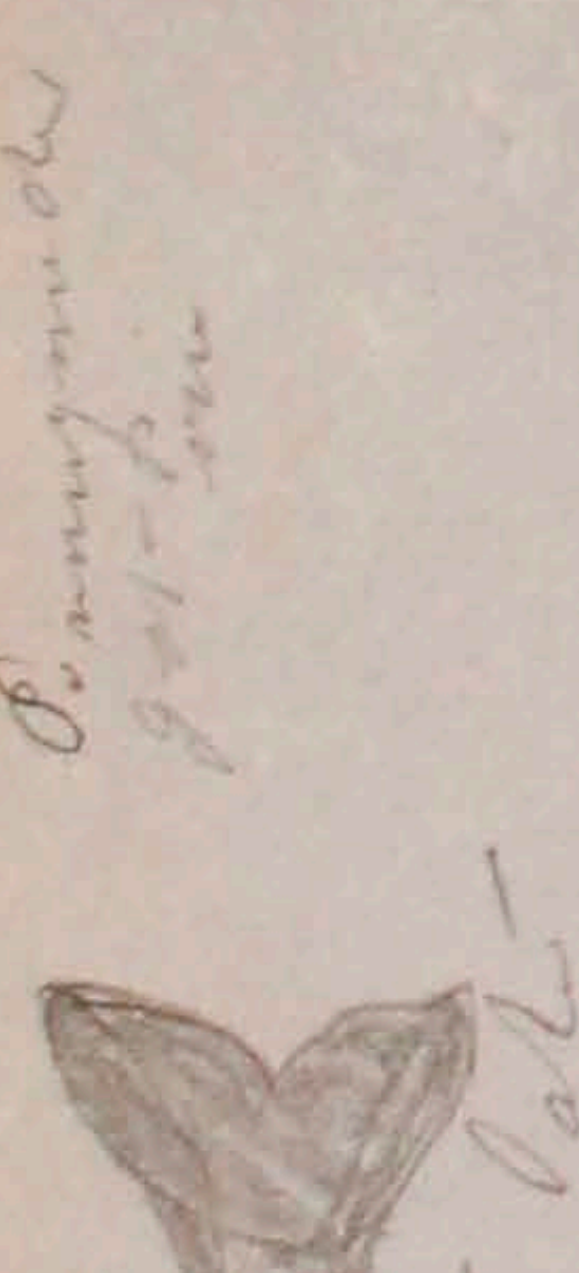
11th " Monday squally weather with a strong breeze from S W ship under close reefed topsails & foresail tack & tack saw Milford haven bearing S E distance 30 miles, saw 2 finbacks ,,
Oh,, poor, foolish, mortals. Still clinging to hope,, when, you should be up & doing

12th " Tuesday squally raining weather with a strong breeze from S W, ship under close reefed topsails and foresail tack & tack saw finbacks & the land, evening saw 2 sails

13th " Wednesday begins with clear weather & a strong breeze from S W ship under double reefed topsails & foresail 4 sails in sight 2 on each beam land distant 12 miles, off bell point 9 oclock A M saw 2 whales Capt called them sulpher bottoms spouted 30 times,, 10 oclock raised more to windward & soon after saw the barque Runnymede lower down & strike a sperm whale & take him along side,, saw a great quantity of whales but they went to windward made sail but it was to late 2 P M blowing strong took in all but storm sails & broke out water,, so goes another day

Capt Freeman's birth-day 35 years old & old enough to know more

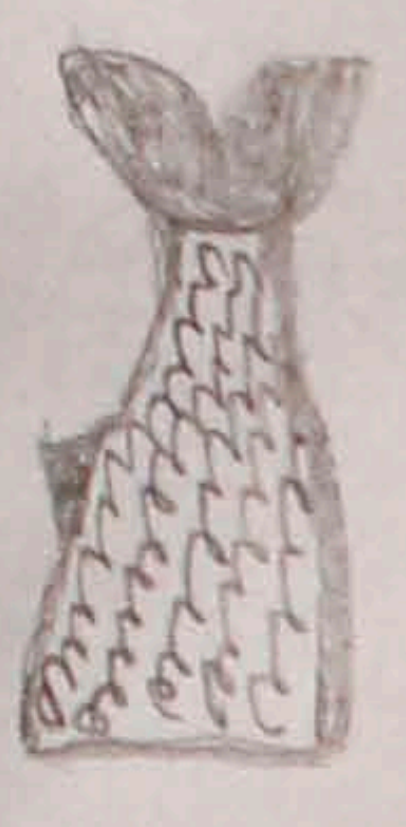
Runnymede got fin



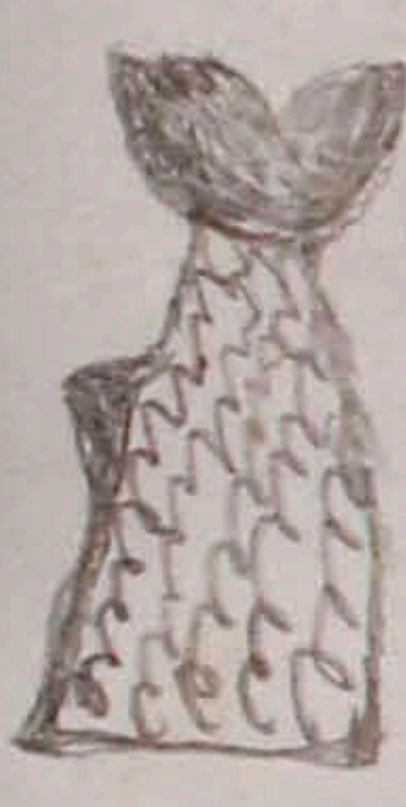
W Oil

New Zealand

May 14th Thursday begins with fine calm weather got up a new fore topsail to bend & found 2 holes in it,, repaired it & at 10 oclock just as we was sending down the old one,, saw a large shoal of sperm whales 3 miles off & the bark Sapphires boats after them. we lowered down 3 boats & started .. but before we got to them all 3 of the 3 boats struck small small whales & they brought too, but did not wait quite long enough for us,, Mr Hood struck a fast whale & cut,, chased them till 2 P.M. then came on board,, bent a new main topsail,, day ends 4 sail in sight the S cutting,, land 20 miles distant, light breeze from the W.,, always to late



large shoal of small whales



2 boat struck a fast one & left 2 irons

15th Friday begins with thick weather, & strong breeze from the W. ship under 2 topsails double reefed, 2 sail in sight; 10 oclock Capt went on board
143 the ship,, Prince Regent to see the Capts wife & 13 children, P.M. fine weather with moderate breeze, made no sail,, gamming all day this is the way we whale it. Oh for a driving skipper, just at this time, I would give 1000 dollars & make money at that,, but such was, to be my luck, & I will try to bear it, Perhaps it is as well

Cruiseing for Sperm Whales On the

May 16th Saturday Squally weather with a fresh breeze most of the day, SW under double reefed topsails & foresail back & back,, broke out molasses rove a buntline bolen & spanker downhaul saw 1 sail Milford haven bearing E 20 miles distant ,, so ends another week in may & no maybaskets yet not even a sperm whale lord at our door

boiled out some porpoise blubber

17th Sunday some squally with a strong breeze from SW ship under double reefed topsails & foresail stood in shore & then ran off down the land toward Milford Haven, one oclock luffed to off shore,, 3 oclock saw the schooner Eliza boiling bound in to the Haven,, kept off & made sail,, got a pilot from the Schooner & beat in to the Haven & came to anchor at ½ past 8 in 16 fathom water & moored the ship to the rocks,, off 2 or 3 rods off, furled the sails & set an anchor watch

saw the & boiling all the ships got whales but us

18th Monday good weather in side, sent one boats crew ashore to cut wood got a cutting fall & hawser & 2 fluke chains fast to the rocks & then commenced breaking out meat to cooper found one poor barrel, threw it overboard got 35 bls of water & stowed it in the after hold, Capt out fishing & prospecting,, so ends our day

Lying in Milford Haven

May
19th Tuesday good weather in side cutting wood & getting water coopering meat hove the ship ahead & let go the other anchor & shakled astern again Capt gamming so ends another day

20th Wednesday rainy squally weather wind blowing strong from the outside very busy breaking out & stowing down getting wood catching fish & eating them so ends another day

21st Thursday good weather inside, very busy getting wood & water catching fish breaking out & stowing down,, in a great hurre to finish the work, barometer,, so ends another day,,

22nd Friday good weather inside daylight discovered a boat & 5 men gone did not go after them,, but commenced getting off wood & stowing water one boat fishing so ends another day,,, hard times these,

23rd Saturday fine weather inside Larboard watch on liberty & the S getting ready for sea,, the niggers to get off wood Schr Barques Isabella & Lady Emma came in & anchored, reports plenty of whales outside

Lying in Milford Haven

May

24th ,, Sunday blowing & raining like fun from the N, with a heavy swell heaving in but does not reach us some of the crew are on shore getting wet some are gamming, & some are I am sorry to say its fishing over the side, I wish they were all at church,, to day makes us 27 months out with 1100 bbls of oil great voyage

25th ,, Monday fine weather inside Starboard watch up the river Larboard watch on duty got out another boat,, painted green ship ready for sea & cant get the wood

26th ,, Tuesday blowing & raining like fun doing nothing all day but fishing & sleeping,,

27th ,, Wednesday blowing & raining from the N the most of the day,, all hands engaged in gamming & fishing & gunning bad prospects ahead barometer low,

28th ,, Thursday A M raining & blowing P M weather some better but to much swell to get wood off went on shore & cut some more the schooner Otago came in report having seen a ships mainmast broke off to the deck,, vanished J Allen 300 bbls this month 700 in all so goes another day

Lying in Milford Haven

May 29th " Friday raining squally weather,, blowing from outside,, got off 6 boat-loads of wood,, hove up the big anchor & got all ready for sea,, Capt gamming most of the time,, so ends another dreary day

Alas for good old times

30th " Saturday AM raining & a dead calm got in one stern fast,, & went out side a fishing & PM blowing hard in squalls got out another cutting fall & a tow line there, Isabella parted her stern lines & swung to her anchor,, another night to spend here

31st " Sunday good weather in side but blowing strong out side,, all hands gamming & cruising on shore barometer low so ends another day in Milford Haven may it be the last,, this is a hard lot

June first Monday begins with good weather inside & strong breeze out,, took all our moorings in & hove in chain till the anchor was apeak the Isabella & Lady Emma doing the same & PM strong breeze came down off the land all three swung round & dragged off the bank,, concluded not to go to sea,, got out 4 tow lines & hauled in again & moored with 50 fathoms of chain out- Smart work & smart men

fixed the bug gear for tacks & spect- "

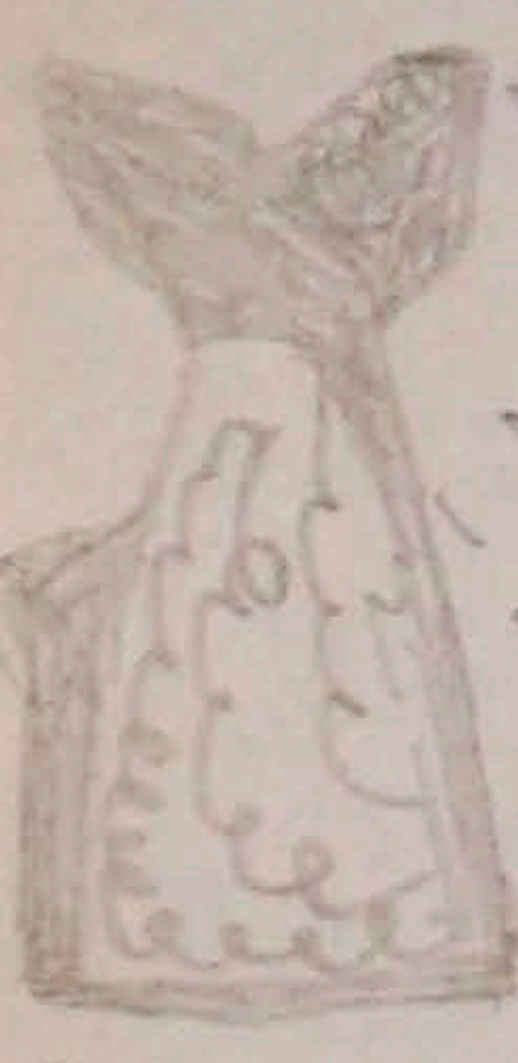
Cruiseing for Sperm Whales

June 2d

Ch for a Tenant - Capt -

Tuesday fine weather after breakfast got the moorings in & hove short the Isabella hove short & we towed her out with 7 boats with her anchor down the schooners got under weigh & came too in the bight below one oclock P.M weighed anchor & stood out with a fine S W wind the rest followed. got the anchors & cables stowed the decks washed & the topsails at 4 oclock saw the Isabella ahead whaling J Allen on our lee beam, sunset 15 miles from the land, fired the big gun, thank God we are at sea once more,,

third



did not want one

Capt S crazy or foolish

144 gams

Wednesday very fine indeed with a moderate breeze from S W soon after breakfast raised sperm whales ahead of the ship & about 20 miles from the land & 2 from us saw the Lady Emma on our lee bow lower her boats & pull for some that were a little on our lee,, still we jogged on under double reefed topsails with a light wind, Capt S would not let us make sail nor lower till they were most there.. but when we got within half a mile of them the Emmas boat struck one & of course the rest went to windward; we chased till 1 oclock P.M saw 4 other sail whaling spent the rest of the day gamming with the James Allen

On the West Coast of New Zealand

June 4th Thursday very fine with light baffling winds all sail set 4 sail in sight saw blackfish saw the J A & Isabella have them boats down

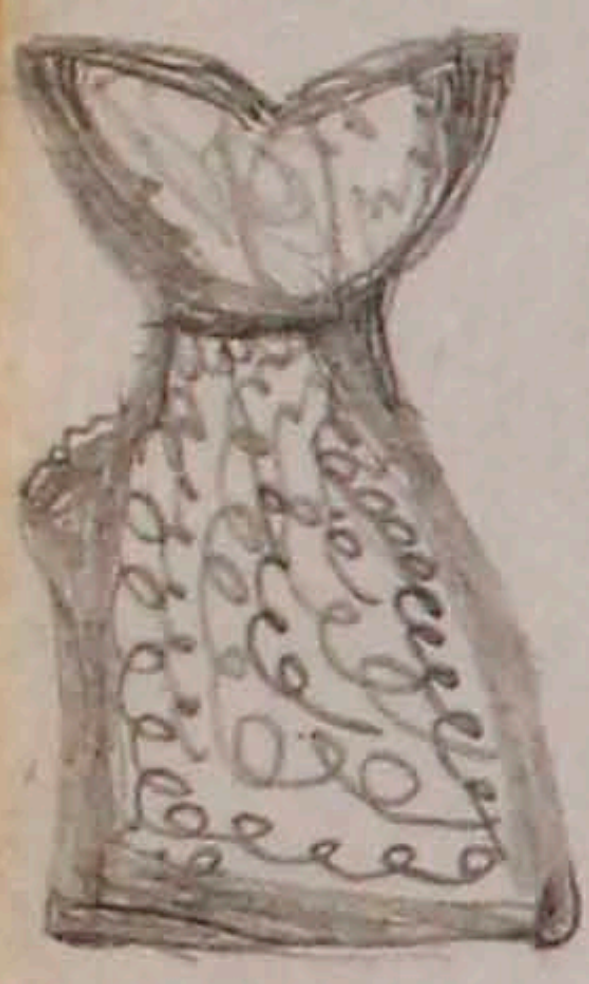
5th Friday very fine with light airs & calms. all sail set, busy at small jobs 6 sail in sight, wanted to gamm but had not wind enough Milford haven bearing S E 20 miles these time flies

6th Saturday very fine with light winds from the S W all sail set, 9 oclock A M saw the J Allens boats down 5 miles off .. lowered 3 from
145 us & pulled for her found she was blackfishing & had caught one, plenty more in sight but could not strike them came on board & got dinner at ½ 12 made a staysail netting boat sail & did some other small jobs .. day ends gamming with the J A, 6 sail in sight Milford Haven E 20 miles,

Looking At Sperm Whales

June 7th 55 Sunday very fine indeed.. with a light breeze from S. W. all sail set & 7 sail in sight all to leeward.. 9 oclock saw the J Allens boats down out ahead of us soon after saw whales going to windward lowered down our boats & followed after them about 11 oclock they struck & the rest of the fish left.. we came on board 2 oclock saw them take their whale along side,, saw a barque & schooner whaling to leeward.. braced forward & stood off shore sunset Milford Haven bearing E 25 miles.. set the watch with whole topsails out, thus ends another Sabbath seeing whales yet getting none, Capt Sherman say he will be satisfied with one more whale,, & willing to go home,, smart ambitious man

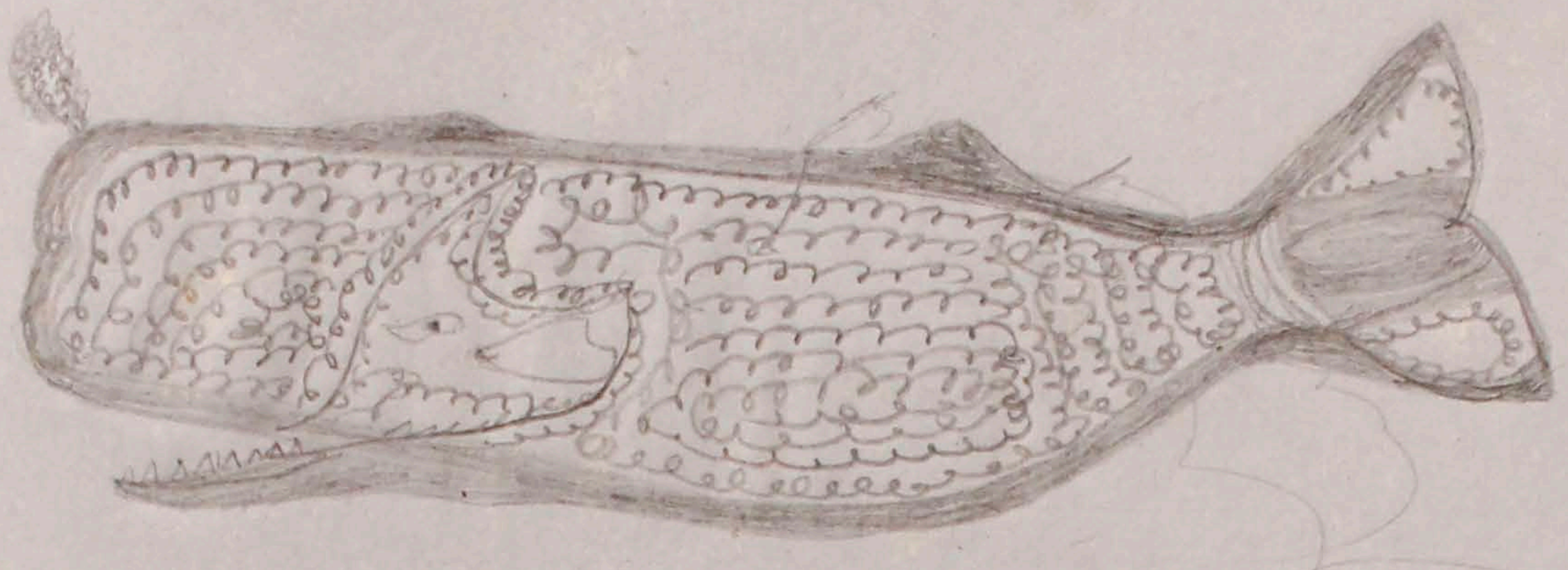
saw Blackfish



To late as usual

8th 55 Monday very fine with a gentle breeze from the E.. by running off away from the ships without the Capt orders we made out to find some whales & have the first chance at them Starboard boat struck at 11 oclock & he run with 3 boats till 2 oclock without getting a lance at him got him along side & began to cut at sunset.. 9 sail in sight & plenty of whales.. got the body in at 10 oclock.. & all hands turned in Milford Haven bearing E N E 25 miles

June On the Coast of New Zealand



100 bls

9th Tuesday very fine indeed with light
winds from S W.. took in the whales
junk & bailed the case & commenced
boiling before dinner.. 10 sail in sight
most of them whaling.. we saw some
but Capt was not very anxious

10th Wednesday very fine indeed.. boiling
8 sail in sight some blackfishing
& some whaling.. saw 2 humpbacks

11th Thursday very fine indeed finished
boiling the head turned up 40 bls
146 saw grampuses, all sail set light
airs from all quarters, gammed with
the schooner Eliza

12th Friday fine 1 o'clock A M finished
boiling turned up 100 bbls 7 o'clock com
menced stowing down found several
rotten casks finished stowing at 5 P M
80 bls .. took in sail & set a quarter
watch

Cruising for Sperm Whales

June 13th Saturday clear weather with a strong breeze from S W ship under double reefed topsails standing off & on the land 30 miles to the South of Milford Haven,, 6 sail in sight P M gammed with the James Allen

147 gamms

14th Sunday clear weather with a very strong breeze from S W ship under close main topsails tack & tack saw one sail. standing quarter watches. so ends another sabbath

15th Monday very fine indeed A M strong breeze from S W P M light airs & calms 8 sail in sight,, very busy coopering & doing all sorts of jobs all sail out looking sharp for sperm whales, Capt S pulled 5 miles to gam with the flying childers,, Oh how he loves it,, but it dont bring oil to the ship,, yet it makes no difference to him,, every body looks sour & I dont blame them,,

148 gams

16th Tuesday fine weather with light winds from the N all sail out but the mainsail did not loose that for the Capt wanted to gam,, busy at odd jobs. 5 sail in sight,, P M gammed with the flying childers,, Milford haven bearing E 20 miles distant,, all hands praying that ships will refuse to gam with us

149 gamms Smart Capt for a voyage

On the West-Coast of New Zealand

Jan 17th,, Wednesday good weather with light baffling winds all sail set cruising 25 miles to the West of Milford Haven, & sail in sight saw grampuses & porpoises did not gamm was not wind enough

18th,, Thursday begins showery with light airs from all quarters, all sail set & a strong breeze from the N & ran off 25 miles to the South of the Haven,, saw grampuses & 6 sail all to far off to gam with.. day ends moderate,, still standing quarter watches

19th,, Friday blowing a gale of wind from the E Ship lying too under close reefed main topsail main spencer & fore topmast staysail took in bow boat & hoisted waist boat to davy heads standing quarter watches, saw nothing

20th,, Saturday blowing a gale from the NE with some rain ship under close reefed main topsail main spencer & stay sail on the S tack saw porpoises day ends more moderate

21st,, Sunday thick fog & rainey all day with a light breeze from the N, ship under close reefed main topsail on the S tack, saw nothing, standing quarter watches,, all hands very homesick .. but it is no use we have to put up with it.. Prospects look dim.. hope has almost fled

Cruising for Sperm Oil

June

22 Monday begins with thick rainey weather with a moderate breeze from the W Ship under close reefed main topsail P.M. better weather, set the fore top sail & spencers wind very light, saw 3 sail & some fin backs.. Capt S toasting his shins down below over a hot stove Poor man he suffers much

23 got one porpoise Tuesday a little foggy with light baffling winds .. broke out water 10 oclock raised blackfish lowered 4 boats, caught 7 cut them & finished at 7 oclock P.M.. took in sail & set the watch .. saw 3 sail

24th Wednesday. some fog with light winds from the E Ship under close reefed top sails.. did not dare to look round., boiling blackfish saw one sail & grampuses 23 months out to day & still praying for a little oil to come to us

25th had 7 young ones on board Capt S in clover 150 gammes Thursday a little fogg the first part of the day, Ship under close reefed topsails & foresail with a light breeze from the E gamming all day with the Prince Regent., broke out flour & stowed down 10 bbls black oil latter part of the day quite clear & good breeze saw 3 sail.,

On the Coast of New Zealand

June 26 Friday begins some foggy & light breeze from the NE,, busy at small jobs & c clear with a strong breeze all sail set standing in shore saw 5 sail & some finbacks,, made the land 50 miles south of Milford Haven day ends strong breeze

27th 1st times have we polish by visited strangers Saturday good weather with light winds from NE all sail set tack & tack saw the land off Tompsons Sound 40 miles distant 2 sail in sight,, very busy at small jobs & c gamming with the Emily Downing of Hobartown,, Capt has his wife on board

28th Sunday very fine indeed with a gentle breeze from SW,, all sail set standing to the W all day saw a great many peaces of squid some finbacks & 3 sail heard last night that the E,, Downing had lost her mate & boats crew in the fog while chasing whales been gone 4 days about 30 miles from land they hope to find him on the shore as the weather has been smooth since he was the only boat that had a compass & the rest found the ship some think he struck a whale & was upset God grant that it may not be so day ends very fine Lat at 12 oclock 41,51

Cruising for Sperm Whale Ships

June 29th,, Monday very fine A M light
airs from N E cleaned out the
scuttle butt & broke out water from
the blubber room, Capt looking
152 anxiously at the E D,, P M good,
gamms breeze from S W all sail out but
courses,, running to the N land
15 miles distant 6 sail in sight
Capt couldent stand it any longer
but had to go & see the woman
they tried to keep clear of us,, but
it was no use Capt S is bewitched
or crazy I dont know which, I cant
stand it much longer,,, Oh for
a man that would devote his
time to whaling

30th,, last Tuesday weather quite good with
a good breeze from the N ship under
double reefed topsails working to windward
153 9 oclock A M 2 sail to windward steering off
days we stood by to meet them & have a gam proved
fooled to be the Isabella Prince Regent & Sapphire
away bringing back the E D boat & crew all safe
gone P M gammed with the E D, H C, P R, S,
like I,, & a Bremen ship Capt Austin 12 months
the out 800 bls Whale so ends another month,
last when will gamming have an end
rose of summer

On the West Coast of New Zealand

July first Wednesday begins thick weather & strong
breeze from N E ship under double reefed
had topsails & foresail 1 sail in sight,, after
a row breakfast gammed with the Goethe till
about 12 o clock & N gale from N E lying
gamming too under close reefed main topsail
159 took in bow boat

sed Thursday blowing a gale of wind from
S E ran off to the N a spell & then
hove too under close reefed main
topsail stay sail & spencer broke out
meat,, day ends blowing very hard
barometer at 29. saw one sail

third Friday weather quite good with a strong
breeze from S W & N under double
reefed topsails heading in shore & N
whole main topsail steering N E
saw the land 30 miles distant, got
the bow boat out, one sail out
sunset took in sail & set the watch
lat 44,,19

Fourth Saturday cloudy weather with a good
breeze from the W, main top G sail
out part of the day steering to the
N,, broke out molasses,, saw one
sail,, land 15 miles distant,, , had
mince pies in the forecastle,, so
ends this fourth of july .. have
got 2 whales since last fourth,, I
wonder if we shall do as well the
next year

Cruiseing for Sperm Whale On the

July 5th Sunday begins blowing strong from the S W ship under close reefed main topsail & spencers tack & tack. P.M. weather some better set fore topsail.. saw nothing so ends another sabbath.. may the next be happier

6th Monday thick weather with a good breeze from the S ship under double reefed topsails, mainsail furled,, tack & tack 3 sail in sight working to the S.. P.M. saw the land 8 miles distant.. 7 oclock set whole watches.. expect to leave here soon!

7th Tuesday rather showery in the day time but good weather nights, fine breeze from the S. E ship under whole topsails most of the day steering to the S, land 20 miles distant 2 sail in sight saw black fish & porpoises.. standing whole watches.. broke out water 20 miles South of Milford Haven

8th Wednesday begins rainy with moderate breeze from S. E made all sail & kept her off W S W with square yards for another cruising none sail in sight P.M. wind hauled round to S W kept her off E S E with square yards for Milford Haven.. Oh for a man with a mind to compair with his body,, day ends running with a good breeze.. whole topsails.. S E

Looking, Watching, Hoping, & Praying

July 9th Thursday very fine indeed with light breezes from the S W. all sail set at daylight Milford Haven bearing S E 20 miles 3 sail in sight 8 ok kept her off N N W, bound off, spoke B. L. & Lady Emma & Isabella,, watch employed in the rigging sunset took in sail hope we shall not steer E S E to morrow standing whole watches

10th Friday very fine with light variable winds all sail out steering to the N & W very busy fitting rigging 156 rove new main top sail reef tackles gammed land 50 miles distant saw 3 sail & some finbacks, evening gammed with the Brig Sapphire,, had struck a whale a few days before & had to cut,, wanted a toggle iron so ends another day ,, to bad

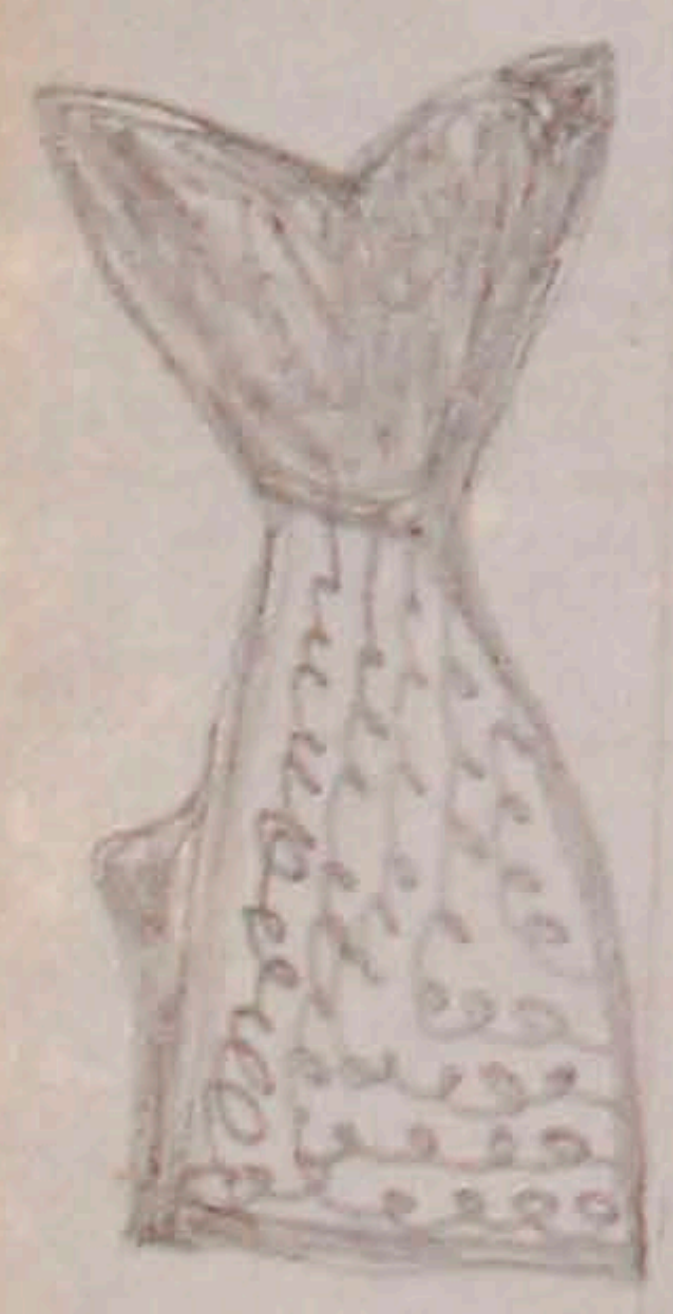
11th Saturday weather with a fine breeze from N E & all sail set steering to the N N W very busy breaking out between decks for new shooks and water,, cooper setting up casks for water,, lost sight of the land at 160 miles distant,, saw a finback porpoises & some small fish,, plenty of squid,, so goes the time,, splendid weather but no whales for us,, were there no hopes hereafter how miserable man would be,,,, how killing to the constitution is anxiety —

Cruising New Zealand Astern

July 12th Sunday very fine with a strong breeze from the S, main top G sail out steering to the SW & looking sharp saw some finbacks plenty of birds & squid,, so ends another sabbath,, no church to go to,, & no Girls to make love too in the evening,, lat at M 40,,21

13th Monday squally weather with a strong breeze from the S A M main top G sail out steering W,, P M under double reefed topsails,, busy setting up casks,, saw plenty of finbacks & sulphur bottoms,, latter part of the day furled main sail & jib Lat 37,,55

14th Tuesday strong breezes from the S & squally Ship under double reefed topsails steering W & NW,, saw finbacks ... Lat 36,,55



15th Wednesday calms & light airs 7 o'clock Raised Sperm whales going E quick lowered 3 boats met them head & head & started them up faster chased till noon & then lost sight of them, hoisted the bow boat up on the starboard cranes & 1 boat on bow, day ends calm busy coopering, Latt 36,,44 Lon 159:18

Causes & reasons to be considered

Bound to the Westward in haste.

July 16th Thursday good weather with a strong breeze from S E main top G sail set steering S W very busy breaking out water from the fore hold & stowing in the after room in new casks,, & filling up the others with salt water,, Cooper very busy setting up shooks,, saw 2 finbacks

17th Friday rainy squally weather with a strong breeze from the E steering S S W with main top G sail set,, plenty of birds in sight & broke out some water for the hold Lat ~~40,47~~ Lon ~~152,55~~

18th Saturday cloudy misty weather with a light breeze from S E all sail out steering S W by S,, Cooper very busy to work on shooks all the rest of the watch engaged in washing the paint work with lye & fresh water finished at dark,, saw one finback,, the prospects are we shall go into Hobartown ,,Lat 40,47 Lon 152,55

washing ship

19th Sunday begins with showery weather & moderate breeze from S E all sail set steering S W latter part of the day good breeze from S E fine weather ship going 7 knots,, Lat 42,00 Lon 151,00

Bound to Hobartown

July 20th,, Monday good weather with light breezes from N.W. all sail set steering to the S.W. Coopers very busy on shooks,, watch employed at small jobs. Lat 43,20.. Lon 148,,10 saw plenty of finbacks

21st,, Tuesday fine daylight raised the land ahead, wind very light from the N.W. middle part of the day calm,, broke out the fore hold & pumped 6 casks of water & filled them up with salt water & salted 6 casks of fresh water, Lat 43,38,, 4 oclock P.M got a light breeze from N.,, took in light sails hauled up the courses & stood in along the land,, 10 miles from it so ends these 24 hours

22,, Several sail in sight Wednesday fine weather with light airs from the N., trying to beat up Storm bay got the cables up & the anchors off the bow. 6 P.M got a pilot 10 miles below iron pot light,,, calm

23rd,, Thursday very fine indeed with light airs from the N,, beat up to the town & came to anchor at 3 oclock P.M in 10 fathoms of water, found the James Allen in & had bought us 20 lbs of meat,, heard of the loss of the Henry H Crapo & nearly all the crew, off East Cape, bound home full,, day ends Capt on Shore

Lying in Hobartown up the Derwent

July 24 2 yeas out Friday good weather,, very busy pumping whale oil out of the ground tier to sill,, started the try works to heat some oil to clean the casks out, got 60 bls on deck,, living on fresh beef & mutton Capt on shore all the time mate in the evening,, so ends the first day

25th Saturday fine weather all day with wind to the SE,, very busy breaking out oil,, took up 3 ground tier casks & drained them & stowed them back again also lowered ashore 17 casks of oil washed off decks & got ready for sunday so ends this day

26th Sunday cloudy weather with a good sea breeze,, all hands on board but the Capt & mate,, could not even go to church .. hard times these when a man is in a civilized port & cant go on shore sunday,, also 2 Girls came on board with a gentleman protector,, so ends the sabbath.

27th Monday good weather Starboard watch on liberty larboard watch filling up ground tier casks with salt water took 15 bls meat on board from the S A & carried 15 bls of oil on shore so ends the day

Lying in Tasmania Hobartown

July 28th/55 Tuesday good weather L watch on liberty Starboard watch stowing off the fore hold & washing ship so ends this day

29th/55 Wednesday fine Starboard watch on liberty Larboard washing ship painting bends ,, & getting off meat got 40 tierces of beef

30th/55 Thursday good weather L watch ashore S getting water & stowing the main hatch,, so ends this day,,

31st/55 Friday good weather Starboard watch on liberty & the rest getting water painting bends & so on

August Saturday good weather S watch on liberty L watch getting off potatoes painting & doing small jobs

2d Sunday fine all hands on board but the Capt feeling very bad

3rd Monday good weather S watch on liberty the rest on board,, bought a whale boat & put it over head

4th/55 Tuesday Larboard watch on shore S watch getting ready for sea,,

Living in Hobartown

Aug " "
5 We/55 Wednesday good weather all hands on
board waiting for the Capt every body
very cross but cant go on shore ;)

6 Th/55 Thursday beautifull weather with a light
breeze from the N daylight hove short
bound & waited for the Capt ,, at 8 oclock
off he came, shipped 3 men & after being
visited by the custom house officers
50 we made sail hove our anchor up &
heads stood down the tasmania river
of leaving behind many sad hearts from
meat only a fortnights acquaintance ,, but these
2 tons things must be ,, & sh sent the 2 watch
of below stowed the anchors & cables
potatoes washed off the decks fitted the boats
12 Cwt & got all ready for whaling ,, 9 oclock got out
turnips clear of the land with a fine breeze, took
one in top G sails hauled up the courses
U. peas clewed down foretopsail & kept her south
& with many long faces on board at the
sundrys idea of leaving Hobartown ,, Oh for some
oil some grease to pay the bills

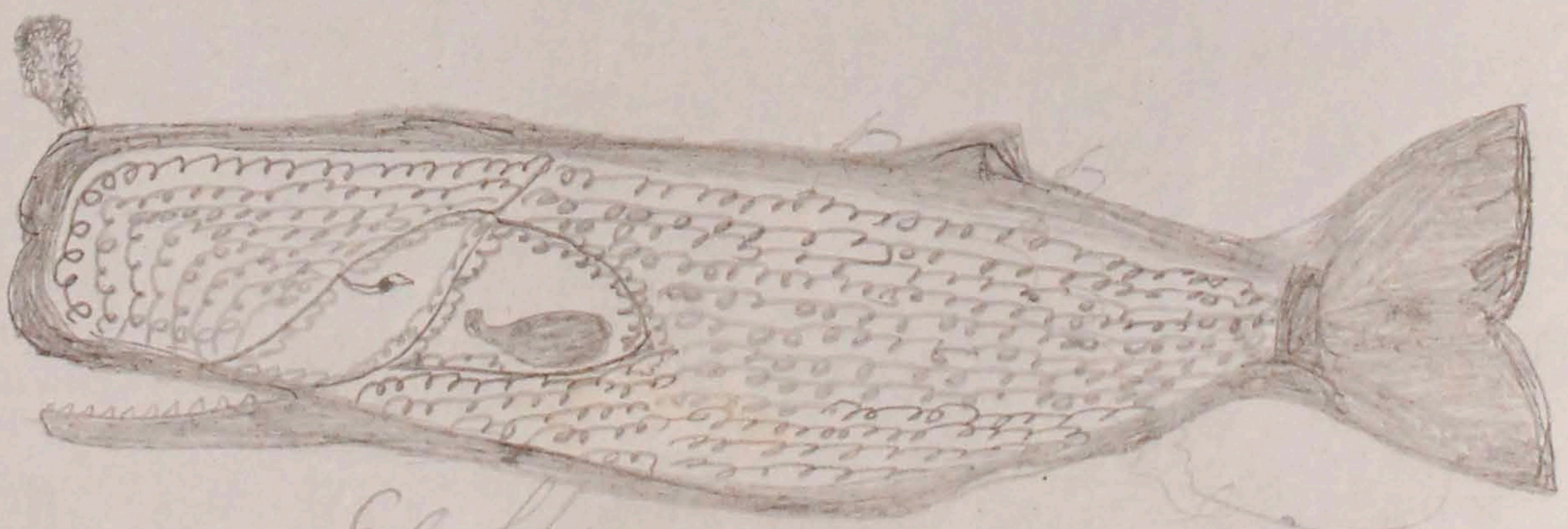
7 Fr/55 Friday begins with squally weather &
a strong breeze from the W. 10 oclock
A M double reefed the topsails ,,
busy at small jobs land still in
sight ,, standing tack & tack ,, all
hands looking very sad & sober
probably thinking of the Girls they have
left behind them ,, tis a sad thing
to leave friends that you never expect
to see again ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, day ends good
weather & light breezes,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

Steering for the S W Cape

August

8th Saturday fine weather with light baffling winds from the W all sail set working to windward broke out water & some meat, saw several pieces of squid,, but no whales,, one sail in sight,, plenty of sad faces & sorry hearts,, it seems like leaving home

9th Sunday weather quite good with nice breeze from W, A Sh Ship under whole top sails, & Sh main top G sail set on different tacks 2 oclock raised sperm whales,, lowered 3 boats mate struck,, all pitched into him & he lived 15 minuets chased the rest to leeward but could not strike again,, took the whale along side & got ready to cut set a quarter watch,, barometer high



60 bls

Off S W. Cape

Aug 10th,, Monday Squally raining bad weather with a gale of wind from the W. daylight got the ship before the wind & hooked on to the whale,, & by running under bare poles,, cutting to leeward windward & every other way,, we got all in but his jaw at 2 P.M.,, boiled the case & got it overboard & set a quarter watch,, blowing & raining like fun,, saw nothing but a spout

Hard times these eve. tough sheets

11th,, Tuesday good weather with light winds from the S.,, boiling body,, ship about 25 miles E of S W. cape, land 10 miles distant P.M. set main top G. sail to get by a point of rocks,, fine weather but very heavy swell so ends this day

12th,, Wednesday very fine but calm 10 oclock raised sperm whales lowered 3 boats & chased till sunset but it was so calm we could not strike one got within 2 oars plenty of times,, at sunset shot a bomb lance into one & saw them no more,, a great many whales going in all directions,, evening finished boiling turned up 63 bbls,, land 10 miles distant off S W. cape of Van dimans land

Cruiseing for Sperm Oil

Aug
13th Thursday very fine indeed with light airs & calms all sail set 8 oclock saw the James Allen in shore of us,, broke out the fore peak for shooks & sh gammed with the J A & got a keg of tobacco she had been out of Hobart town 4 days had seen nothing, 10 men had run away had shipped 9, cooper & 2 boat steerers had left Capt D felt bad about it,, day ends breeze from the E

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gammed

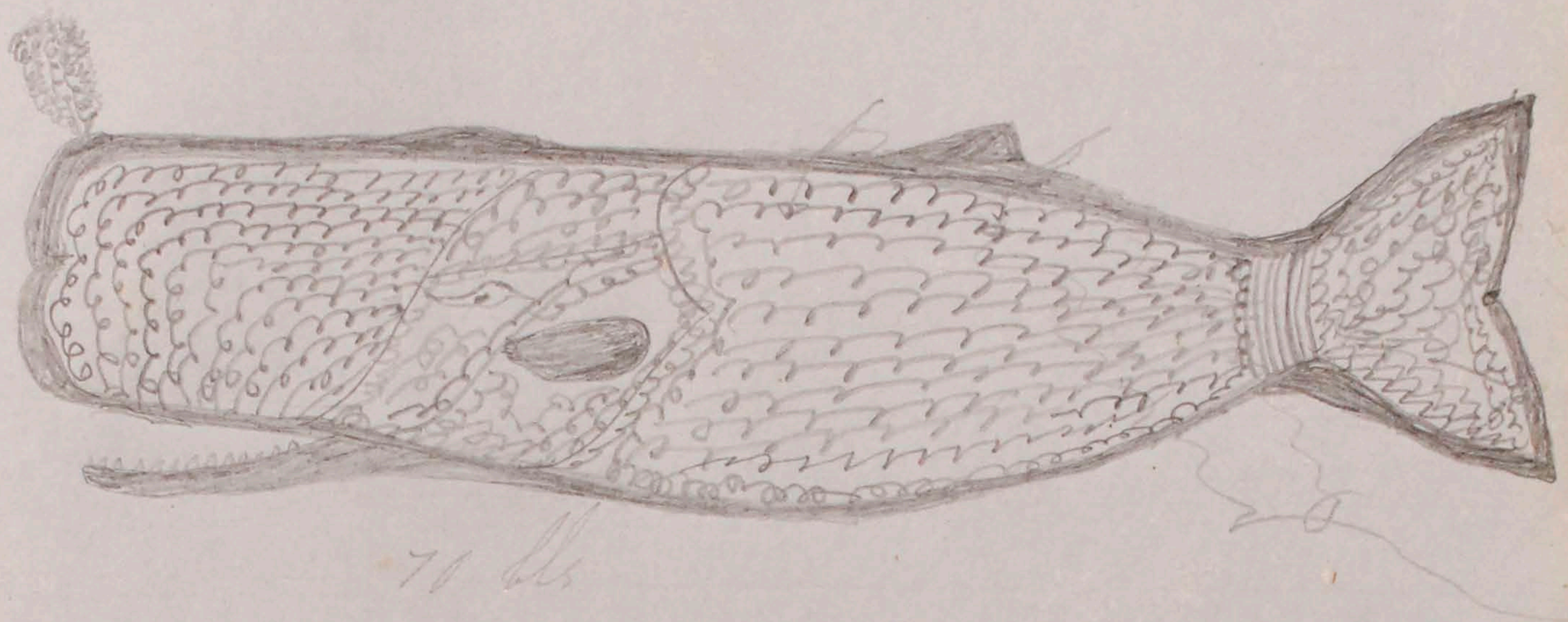
14th Friday good weather with the wind from the E ship under double reefed topsails most of the day,, very busy stowing down, in the run aft hatch stowed 57 bls 5 bch spoke the clipper merchant ship Aelos of Boston bound to Sidney,, saw the J A & 2 other sail 40 miles west of S W cape

Spoke
a yankee
clipper,,

15th Saturday squally raining windy bad weather with a strong thick breeze from the W ship under double reefed topsails most of the day 7 oclock raised sperm whales going to windward quick lowered 3 boats but could not catch them,, 10 A M lowered again with reefed boatsails & had hard work to keep our boats free,, saw the J A whaling 2 P M lowered again whales going to leeward,, went on several times at last made struck,, & we got him along side at 8 oclock raining & blowing like fun,, set a quarter watch

Off S West Cape of Van Diemans Land

Aug 16th



Sunday rugged squally weather with a strong N.W. wind,, tried to out on the wind but could not kept her off before it under bare poles,, very rough, got the junk & case in & lashed up at sunset hard day's work,, did not save the jaw, feel very thankful that we saved him, plenty of whales on this ground want another bad hope Providence will smile on us, one sail in sight,, land 15 miles distant

17th Monday fine weather cleaned the case & got it overboard & commenced boiling body,, light winds from the E saw one sail,, whaling,, land 15 miles distant so ends this day

Cruseing for Sperm Oil off

Aug 18th Tuesday very fine with light winds
from the S W 4 sails, saw the J A
157 whaling,, J A gammed with Austra
gammed lian Packet of Hobartown 6 months
out 200 bls,, 12 oclock J A cooled down
turned up 73 bls day ends fine

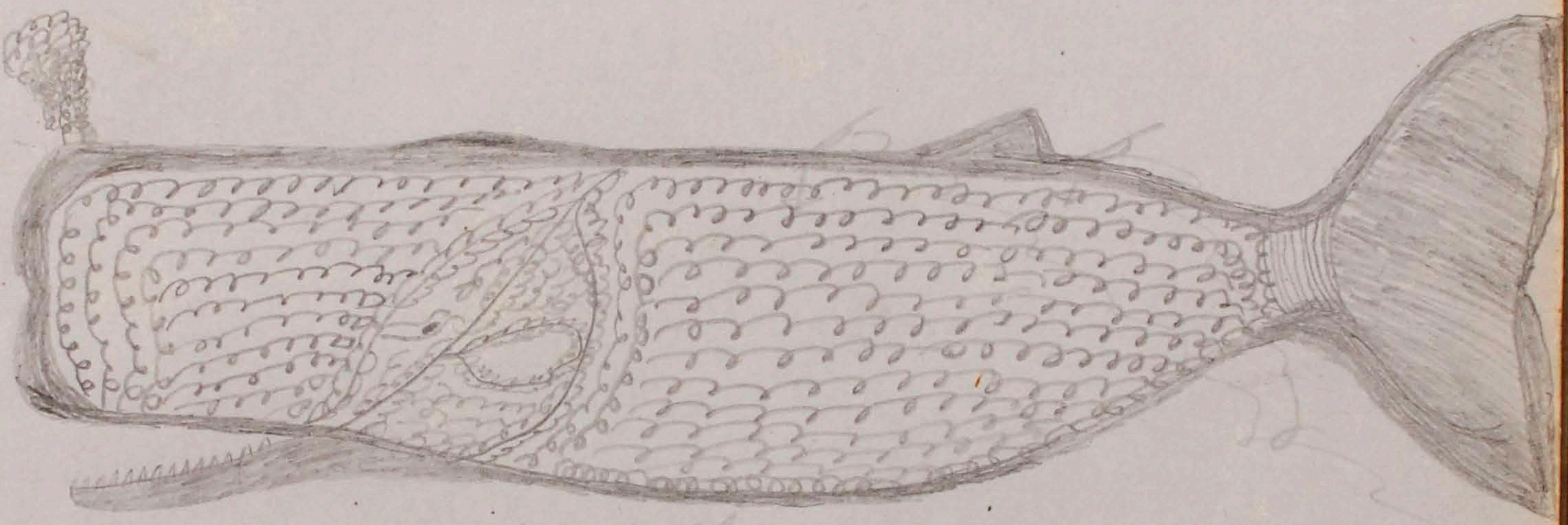
19th,, Wednesday very fine indeed, 7 oclock
raised whales,, to windward, light
Got from S W land 10 miles off saw
a the entrance to Port Davie,, lowered
fish 3 boats 10 oclock larboard boat struck
turned him up towed one hour &
got the fluke chain on him & got
dinner at 12 oclock, commenced
cutting, at 15 minuits past, & finished
at 30 past,, 5,, got supper & commenced
boiling junk,, saw the J A whaling
but got none,,

20th,, Thursday fine light winds from
W 3 sail in sight land 15 distant
cleard the case,, broke out casks, &
finished boiling head at 1 oclock J A
made 25 bls,, day ends thick &
misty,,

21st,, Friday beautifull weather with light
baffling winds boiling & stowing
down, all sail set,, 2 sail in
sight land 20 miles distant
J A finished boiling turned up
80 bls,, stowed down 100 bls sunset
took in sail & set a quarter watch

South West Cape

Aug 22nd Saturday fine & calm with some light airs main top G sail set, very busy Stowing down,, 2 sail in sight land 15 miles distant off Port Davy,, Stowed down 35 bbls in the main hold,, cleared up decks & washed Ship,, saw one fin back,, sunset took in sail & set quarter watch,, day ends calm


75 bbls

23rd Sunday very fine with a moderate breeze from the W all sail set,, saw 5 sail most of them blackfishing &c gammed with the J A had taken 10 bbls of blackfish since we last saw her, saw a brig to leeward with her colors set all day 4 P M kept off for her,, found her to be the Julia of Hobartown 7 months out 28 tons, had picked up the Capt & 3 boat's crews of brig Sons of Erin who lost their vessel chasing whales he had left 6 green men on board of her & he was afraid they would take her into port

15 B
gammed

Cruising For Sperm Whales

Aug.
24th Monday good weather with a fine breeze from S.W. Ship under 2 double reefed topsails & foresail, jib & spank saw 3 other sail carrying top G sails Capt S is a very fishy man,, I think he feels rich, took the starboard boat in on deck to repair, &c, very busy making spun yarn & doing all kinds of work,, sunset took in sail & set a quarter watch,, all hands praying for a smart skipper

25th Tuesday thick & showery most of the day with a light breeze from S.W. Ship under double reefed topsails & foresail very busy at all kinds of work 3 P.M. cleared up with a breeze from S.E. made a little sail saw the land, Point Daly 15 miles N.E. of us 4 sail in sight sunset put the bow boat on the starboard cranes took in all sail but close reefed main topsail & foresail headed off shore & set the watch saw one finback

Off S W Capes of Van Diemans Land

Aug 26th Wednesday very fine with a good breeze from S.E, all sail set cruising, all, ways .. land 15 or 20 miles distant 3 sail in sight & plenty of finbacks.. very busy repairing boat making spunyarn blacksmithing coopering & sailoring & c gammed with the Tammany mede 10 days from Hobartown had seen no whales since we saw her on New Zealand day ends fine

159 gamms

27th Thursday very fine with light airs from S W all sail out tack & tack very busy at all kinds of work one sail in sight, land 12 miles off day ends fine with poor prospects

28th Friday hazy weather with a moderate breeze from N W all sail set working to windward very busy at small, obs saw the land & 2 sail,, 7 oclock P.M set whole watches,, bound to W day ends good breeze from N W,

29th Saturday squally weather with a very strong breeze from the W ship under close reefed topsails most of the day on the Larboard tack latter part of the day set the mainsail & jib carrying sail hard

Bound to the South Coast

Aug
30th Sunday Squally weather with a strong breeze from the W. ship under double reefed topsails carrying sail hard tack & tack, standing whole watches,, saw one humpback Lat 44,40 Lon 144,00 very homesick & no medicine to cure it,, low spirited praying for home news & better luck

Home
sweet
Home

31st Monday weather quite good with a moderate breeze from the W. with a very heavy swell all sail set tack & tack very busy making siezing stuff & other small jobs rove new main top G halyards saw one finback Lat 41,40 Lon 142,20

Sept Tuesday begins with a strong breeze from W. & squally had to shorten sail P.M. came down to close reefed topsails & foresail,, very rugged bad weather wind about N W, on the S tack all day,, very homesick & the wind died,, unfortunate gang

Second Wednesday squally weather with a strong breeze from the S E all sail set steering W. N W. very busy at small jobs painted starboard boat Lat 41,57

Of Australia On A Cruise

Sept Third Thursday good weather with a fine breeze from the S, all sail set steering W.N.W. very busy at all kinds of work,, made some A new main sheets.. Lat 39,,59

4th 55 Friday squally weather with the from the N.N.W. taking in & making sail all day,, tack & tack,, rigged up an old fore top sail, Lat 37,,19

5th 55 Saturday squally weather with a breeze from the W, busy at all kinds of work sent down the fore top g sail & repaired it,, sent it up again the wind West S.W. put her on the S tack all sail out,, saw 2 sail supposed to be merchant man Lat 40,,11

6th 55 Sunday good weather with a moderate breeze from the South all sail set steering N.N.W. saw plenty of finbacks, day ends very pleasant & all hands homesick. Lat 38,00

7th 55 Monday weather quite good with a good breeze from the E, all sail set heading N, sent in the jib & repaired it sent it out again painted the waist boat inside made a pair of man ropes, caught a porpoise & did lots of work saw black fish & finbacks Lat 36 00 Lon 123,57 sunset took in sail & set quarter watches

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

Sept 8th 55 Tuesday fine weather with a good breeze from the E all sail set steering SW in the fore part of the day & h steered S, saw a finback & a few birds,, busy as usual sunset took in sail & set the watch

9th 55 Wednesday very fine indeed with some light baffling winds & h calm busy nailing & painting the Larboard boat @ 2 oclock raised blackfish lowered 3 boats & caught 2 took the blubber off, took in sail & set the watch, so ends this day

10th 55 Thursday good weather with a fine breeze from SW all sail set standing to the W all day busy painting L boat & cabin made some spunyarn, belaying pins, & did lots of work, saw blackfish,, Lat 35,50 Lon 134 22 day ends calm

11th 55 Friday very fine indeed with a good breeze from the S, all sail set steering SW, very busy making spunyarn painting, minced the blackfish blubber & did a number of small jobs, saw grampuses squid & lots of birds, Lat 35,25 Lon 132,07 sunset, set the watch with main top g sail out

In the Australian Bight.

Sept 12th 55 Saturday very fine with light airs from the E, all sail set steering W. very busy, broke out the blubber room & washed it out, took 8 casks of water on deck,, boiled out our black fish, made 2 bls painted a head on the bow boat & finished the L boat after 5 days of hard labour &c. washed ship with salt water,, saw porpoises,, sunset set the watch with main top & top G sails out fine breeze from E,, Capt in a hurry to find some ships, & so another week draws to a close & we are a week nearer our end but I am afraid as far from heaven as ever,, Lat 34,,55 Lon 131,,14

13th 55 Sunday beautifull weather with a fine wind from the S., all sail set steering W., saw one hungry shark & a bird flying very fast,, every body looking homesick & discouraged,, so the day ends with a fervent prayer that our eyes may be blessed with the sight of sperm whales on the morrow,, Lat 34,,50 S Lon 128,,41 E

Cruising for Sperm

Sept
14th 55 Monday very fine indeed with a fine S W wind ship on the S tack all day,, with all sail out very busy at all kinds of work,, among other things painting & varnishing cabin & skylight,, painted a name for the Larboard boat,, call her the Flying Childers,, saw nothing all day, Lat 33,50 Lon 127,,09

15th 55 Tuesday good weather with a fresh breeze from N E all sail set most of the day,, steering N & S W very busy at all kinds of work,, painted Cabin gangway Green P M strong breeze,, Sunset put her under close reefed main top sail & boats on the upper cranes weather looks windy,, plenty of birds in sight Lat 34,,28 Lon 126,,04

16th 55 Wednesday blowing a gale of wind from the N W lying too under close reefed main top sail Spencers & Stay sail on the S tack ,, saw nothing & did nothing but mourn over our hard fate,, Oh when will all troubles end,, Thank God there is such a place as heaven,, Lat 35,00 Lon 125,25 East day ends blowing hard with heavy squalls,, boats crew watches)

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Oil In the Bight

Sept 17th/55 Thursday gale of wind from the S.W. lying too under close reefed main top sail on the starboard tack, busy below scrimshoning and makeing man ropes,, Lat 35,25 Lon 125,20 sunset set the watch prospects do not brighten,, very Home sick

18th/55 Friday strong breezes & squally, from the S.W. ship under close reefed topsails & foresail, very busy tinkering strapped the fore sheet blocks & made a castor for the cabin table,, saw nothing, Lat 35,30 Lon 125,10 ship heading to the N.W., so ends another long day Home sick

19th/55 Saturday rainy squally windy weather from the W. ship under close reefed topsails fore & main sail most of the day very busy strapping blocks, scrimshoning painting & loafing,,, 12 oclock saw the land bearing N.W., wored ship & stood off shore day ends bad weather, so ends ~~last~~ another week,,

Cruising For Sperm Oil

Sept
20th/55 Sunday squally rainy weather with a strong breeze from the W. Ship under double reefed topsails on both tacks, latter part of the day more moderate wind working to the S Lat 34,30 Lon 124,33,, whole watches

21th/55 Monday morning comes in with a calm & very heavy swell from S W,, lied the Ship off from stem to stern,, P M got a light breeze from the E kept her west with main top G sail set, commenced painting got as far as the main rigging both sides,, at sunset took in sail & set a quarter watch,, fine breeze from N E,, going to have every thing Green good for sore eyes

22th/55 Tuesday begins with fine weather & good breeze from the E Ship under close reefed fore & double reefed main topsails very busy painting Ship,, just as we got through raised 2 right whales lowered down in the part but saw nothing more of them they were going quick,, came on board & packed up the paint latter part of the day,, calm saw plenty of sulphur bottoms day ends light breeze from E sunset luffed too headed to the N

Head yards aback Lat 35,,28 Lon 122,,24

On the South Coast of Australia

Sept 23 W 55 Wednesday very fine indeed with light variable winds ship under fore top & top G. sails & double reefed main topsail heading N W, very painting & daubing every thing saw sulphur bottoms finbacks & grampuses,, 2 oclock P M saw termination island bearing N W 20 miles,, sunset saw a sail, to the E,, took in sail & headed off shore. Lat 35,00 Lon 122,10 by Chron

24 Th 55 Thursday thick rainey weather A M light baffling winds,, very thick P M good breeze from S E fore & main top G sail set courses furled,, saw a number of small islands 3 oclock tacked ship & stood off shore termination bearing N W 15 miles,, saw porpoises,, sunset put her under double reefed main top-sail & set quarter watch day ends strong breeze from S S E,,

25 F 55 Friday very fine indeed with light breezes from E main top G sail set courses furled standing off & on at termination island,, painted fore & main masts, & some other things,, saw plenty of finbacks & porposes but no sperm whales & dont much expect to,, tired of this kind of life but see no escape,, so goes another day

Sailing About On The

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Sept 26th/55 Saturday begins with hazy weather & strong breeze from N.E steering S W. under double reefed topsails, busy painting cabin, P.M fine weather & light breezes from W., main top G sail set,, on the larboard tack, saw plenty of finbacks, sunset took in sail & set the watch Lat 35,,12 Lon. 121

27th/55 Sunday good weather with a good breeze from S W. 7 o'clock saw a sail to windward,, soon after raised whales ahead which we took to be sperm whales but proved to be finbacks, 9 o'clock spoke the Ship Sea Wing Capt Cumsky of New Bedford 15 months out 100 bbls whale 300 sp, Capt S went on board & stopped all day.. Capt C reports all the ships doing better than us,,, kept the ships off N E under whales top sails.. saw killers P.M ran down into a bight full of rocks & shoals,, seen by all but the Capts, who were below, & had made a mistake in navigating, just at night they discovered they were in a bad hole & had better be getting out so we carried sail all night with strong breeze,, on short tacks our dog got sick so we killed him & threw him over board Lat 39,45 Lon 121,40

2 boys, five Pooches & no letters,

Ships doing well, all but the S.

160 games

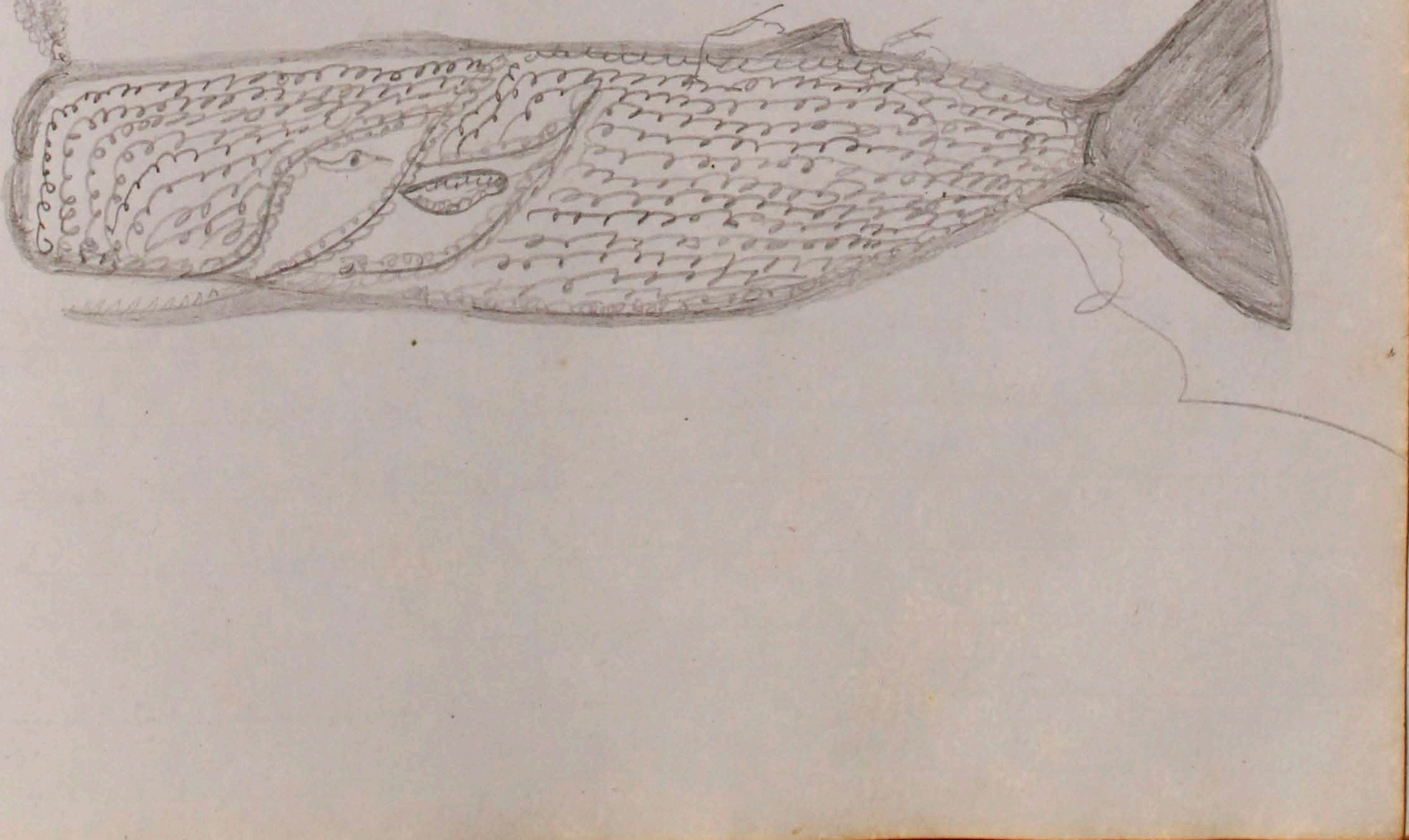
Ocean South of New Holland

Sept 28th/55 Monday good weather with a strong breeze from S main top G sail set tack & tack,, very sailorising painting & varnishing; saw lots of islands rocks reefs & shoals under our lee,, saw killers & grampuses, Lap Wing still in sight to windward ,, standing close watches

29th/55 Tuesday begins with cloudy weather & a strong breeze from E ship under whole topsails working to windward soon after breakfast raised sperm whales going to leeward, lowered 3 boats & the larboard boat struck & lost her line,, chased to leeward 3 hours & the waist boat struck another,, turned him up & got him along side got dinner & went to cutting very rugged & rocks under our lee had to cut to windward,, got his body in & laid by his head all night under our lee Lat 34 25 Lon 121 08

Line lost

Lap Wing in sight but would not run off



Cruising for Sperm Whales

Sept 30th 55 Wednesday thick weather & a very strong breeze from E.. cut in the head to leeward & commenced boiling body,, boiled the case & got it on board.. cleaned up decks & washed off,, weather windy & rainey ship under close reefed main topsails & foresail on the S tack saw a large shoal of blackfish,,

Oct first Thursday squally rainy blowey weather from the E, ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail boiling. finished the body & began on the head

sec Friday squally rainey weather with a very strong breeze from S E ship under close reefed main topsail & foresail tack & tack P-M finished boiling turned up 90 bls, washed off decks took in sail & set a quarter watch

third Saturday squally weather with a strong breeze from S E ship under close reefed topsails on the S tack,, busy stowing down in the main hold, stowed down 83 bls,, 4 P-M washed off the ship with lye, saw finbacks Lat 35 00, Lon 120,08

Off Termination Island.

Oct 4th/55 Sunday good weather with a fine breeze from S steering E N E with all sail set.. saw plenty of finbacks Lat 35,00 Lon 121,00 so ends another sabbath & thus time travels on & we are not improving our best days as we ought.. to much engaged in worldly things

5th/55 Monday good weather with the exception of a few squalls & a good breeze from the E main top G sail set tack & tack rove new main top gallant braces & bowlines.. coiled a new line.., started water meat & molasses,, saw plenty of finbacks & the land, termination bearing E N E Lat 34,,45 Lon 121,,34, 6 oclock P.M saw a log afloat, lowered down a boat & took it along side, rove a cutting fall & took it in on deck. it was a large timber from some wreck covered with barnacles & full of copper spikes, took in sail. set the watch

6th/55 Tuesday cloudy weather with a gale from the N ship under storm sails tack & tack,, latter part of the day more moderate saw finbacks very busy scrimshawing Lat 35,,10 Lon 122,,11,

Cruisering for Sperm Whales

Oct 7th 55 Wednesday fine weather with a fresh breeze from the W A.M. all sail set on the L tack. saw termination bearing N W & S N run off before the wind, saw blackfish & porpoises,, very busy sailoring bent a new main sail,, Lat 34,43 Lon 123,05,, praying for luck for Sperm oil or any thing to make a voyage,, get tired & discouraged

8th 55 Thursday fine weather with good breeze from S. all sail set steering E, saw the land, cut over a new Spanker & bent it, rove new brails did some sailoring & seamstering, sunset took in sail & headed off shore, Lat 34,38, Lon 124,20 sick of whaling,, of this kind,

9th 55 Friday good weather with a strong East wind, main top G sail set,, steering to the W very busy repairing an old main top sail,, Started water P.M. saw middle island. 4 o'clock passed within a mile of Pallup reef breaking very heavy,, saw some squid & a sun fish,, & porpoises sunset put her under close reefed main top sail still steering W,, so ends this day Lat at 3 P.M. 34,40 Lon 124,09

On the South Coast of H

Oct
10th 11 Saturday squally weather with a good breeze from S W to N, ship working to W under double reefed topsails,, finished mending the main topsail saw nothing 7 oclock set whole watches Lat 34,42 Lon 122,,26

11th 55 Sunday blowing a gale of wind from the N. W.,, Ship under close reefed topsails & spencers tack & tack, daylight saw [illegible] island bearing N by E,, latter part of the day a little more moderate standing whole watches, Lat 34,04 Lon 122,50,, homesick

12th 51 Monday squally weather with a fresh breeze the fore part of the day from the W., S W now moderate all sail set tack & tack saw nothing,, day ends calm

got a lunar

13th 51 Tuesday fine weather with a light breeze from N & W all sail set standing to the W very busy repairing a fore topsail, saw plenty of finbacks,,,, Lat 35,25 Lon 120,42 day ends calm,, Hope has fled I want to go Home but I Cant

Working up to the Sound

Oct 14th 55 Wednesday fine weather with light breezes from S W,, latter part of the day all sail set working to the W. land in sight, finished mending the fore top sail day end light airs from S Lat 35,08 Lon 119,42

15th 55 Thursday very fine indeed with light airs from S & W, all sail set standing off & on the land getting to the W. shoals,, broke out meats & water & a lot of new pipe shooks to set up for water, repaired an old main top G sail, sent it up & bent it & stowed the other one below saw ball Island to the SE of us 21 miles, Lat 35,11 Lon 118,50

16th 55 Friday squally weather with a strong breeze from E Ship under double reefed top sails. steering for bald head, saw fin backs & all the watch employed in setting up shooks 4 oclock ran close up to the passage then stood off shore

17th 55 Saturday good weather with a strong breeze from S W,, after breakfast kept her off for the passage busy setting up pipes, & etc, got the anchors ready went in to Frenchmans bay & anchored in 10 fathoms water washed off decks got supper & Capt went to town so ends,, this day

letters
from
home
but
none
for
me

Lying in the Sound

Oct 18th/55 Sunday fine weather with a strong breeze from W. A.M. Larboard watch ashore in an uninhabited place P.M. Starboard watch at sunset all came on board but Cunningham,, supposed to have ran away caught plenty of fish on board

19th/55 Monday very fine indeed with light breezes from the E very busy getting water & stowing it down,, heard nothing from our runaway,, so our day ends

20th/55 Tuesday good weather with good breezes from W. very busy getting water & stowing it down,, Capt came on board a little while with some visitors, sold 2 bush of corn for $5,00, the young man that ran away returned to day sick of his bargain so ends another day

21st/55 Wednesday good weather with a strong breeze from E got off all our water & stowed it, finished our work, and washed off, P.M. went a fishing & rabbit hunting,, the mail steamer came in & went up to the upper station day ends blowing fresh from E,

Lying In the Sound

Oct

22nd/55 Thursday squally weather with a strong breeze from E,, all ready for Sea, waiting for the Capt sent a boat up to town but he was not ready,, P.M. the steamer went out,, got news of the loss of the Pacific on the coast of New Zealand

Pacific lost

23rd Friday bad weather with a gale from the E all hands on board in bad humor P.M. gave her 65 fathoms of cable on one anchor & 40 on the other,, riding the sea very easy, our dog that we got yesterday, dis-appeard during the night very misteriously

dog lost

24th/55 Saturday thick rainey weather with half a gale of wind from the E all hands on board sick, caught some fish P.M. got up some more chain gave her 80 fathoms on one & 50 on the other day ends with bad weather,

25th/55 Sunday squally weather with a strong breeze from E lying with a large quantity of cable out, caught lots of fish part of the crew on Shore Capt came on board & brought some strangers to dinner P.M. thunder lightning & rain so ends another day, may it be our last in this place

On the South Coast. Australia

Oct
26 Ns/55 Monday good weather with moderate breezes from S. 10 oclock got under weigh with the Capt on shore trying to buy a dog laid aback for him till 11 oclock, came on board & stood out with all sail set; saw a whale going up the sound supposed to be a right whale,, & we got outside saw humpbacks thought they were right whale & lowered 3 boats but soon discovered our mistake,, came on board & stowed the anchors & cables, saw a ~~x~~New Holland cutter bound in, 7 oclock set whole watches, so ends this day

27 Ns/56 Tuesday fine weather with good breezes from S W, all sail set working to windward tack & tack very busy at all kinds of work, among other things getting yarns ready for making spunyarn, sunset took in sail & set at boats, crew watch, bald head bearing N,, 20 miles distant saw porpoises & blackfish,

28 Ns/57 Wednesday rough squally weather with a strong breeze from S W ship under double reefed topsails & foresail,, tack & tack busy at all kinds of work fitted main brace pennants block strops repaired boat sails, &c &c,, saw the land, sunset took in sail & set the watch

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

Oct 29th/55 Thursday squally weather with a strong breeze from S W ship under single reefed topsails most of the day, busy at all sorts of work, saw the land sunset saw 2 sail to windward under short sail, sunset put her under double reefed main topsail & foresail & set the watch,,

30th/55 Friday fine weather with good breezes from the South all sail set standing to the W most of the day,, busy at small jobs, saw several sails P.M. spoke & gammed with the Barque Cherokee of New Bedford 24 months out 400 whale reports the Pamelia to windward with 1100 do,, spoke the merchant ship Marseles of boston bound to Calcutta 5 months out went on board & got some late papers & a dog ,, sunset took in sail Lat 35, Lon 117, saw the land

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Mutiny on board the Cherokee

31st/55 Saturday good weather with a strong breeze from E main top g sail set the fore part of the day P.M. under double reefed topsails, saw several sail & some porpoises, land in sight gammed with the Pamelia she hailed 1200 S,O, had left
her third mate
whales 3 days before sick,, had seen

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gamms

On the South Coast of New Holland

Nov first Sunday clear with a strong easterly wind,, main top G sail set, tack & tack the P & C & one other whale in sight 12 o'clock saw the land 8 miles distant bearing N.N.E, P.M saw plenty of finbacks & a shoal of killers sunset put her under short sail & set the watch

Sed Monday very fine indeed,, with a moderate breeze from N.E all sail set, tack & tack, watch employed making spunyarn & sailoring,, sent down the main spencer & bent another lowered down & struck a large sunfish but lost him & one iron, saw porpoises & grampuses,, 2 sail in sight, day ends fine

third Tuesday good weather with a fine breeze from the E most of the day A.M busy makeing spun yarn & sailorizeing P.M lowered for black fish, struck one, & the Starboard boat got upset carrying sail, & spoilt our fun,, took the boat & fish on board & hoisted up. skined our fish & got supper, sunset took in sail, & set the watch, saw the land & 2 sail,, day ends strong breeze from W.......

Cruising For Sperm

Nov 5th 55 Wednesday good weather & a good breeze from the W. all sail set tack & tack, busy making spun yarn built a machine to make siezeing stuff & made sum,, saw 2 Humpbacks & h sent down the fore topsail & sent another,, 6 oclock wind hauled round to the E. strong, sunset took in sail,,

6th 55 Thursday begins with good weather & fine breeze from the S. all sail set steering S E. to try our luck off Shore,, very busy making Spun yarn,, by the quantity,, latter part of the day strong breeze with some rain & thunder,, shortened sail,, sunset put her under close reefed main topsail,, weather looking bad & barometer low,, ,,saw Grampuses,

7th 55 Friday blowing a gale from the west with some rain ship under close reefed main topsail & Spencers all day tack & tack saw nothing,, could do nothing but mourne over our hard fate so goes another day,, many have gone the same way, & still we live in hopes,, but it makes the heart sick Lat 37 Lon 117

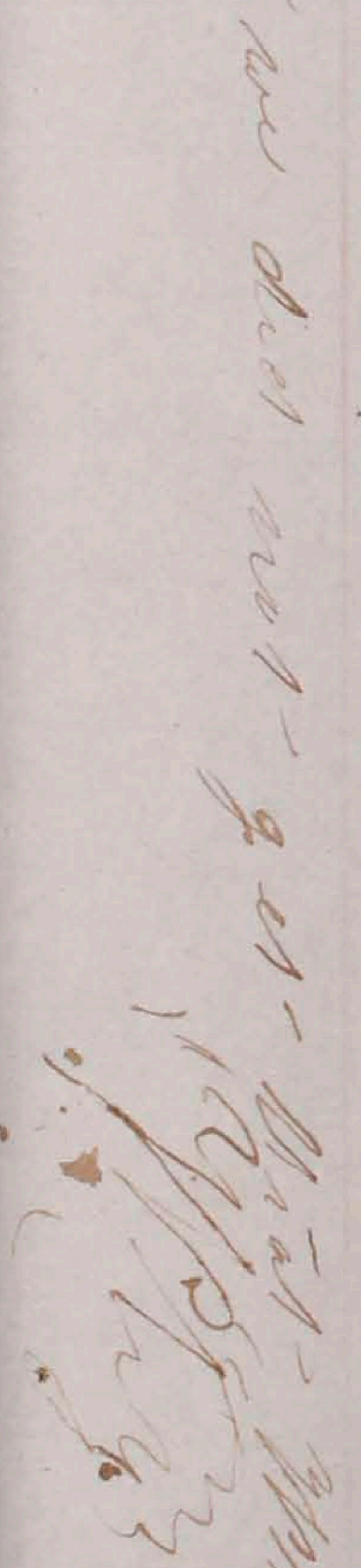
On The South Coast Of New Holland

Nov
7th 55 Saturday thick squally weather with a moderate breeze from N W. A M under double reefed topsails & foresail steering S, P M main top g sail set steering to the E saw nothing 4 o'clock washed off sunset took in sail & thus ends another week & no whales Lat 35,26 Lon 118,,46

8th 55 Sunday begins with thick weather & light airs from S W daylight saw sperm whales going quick eat breakfast & lowered 3 boats & chased till 10 o'clock & they turned to leeward L boat went on but did not get fast came on board & hoisted up in a heavy squall took in top g sails & reefed the topsails, at one P M lowered again whales going to leeward, saaay strong breeze from N W waist boat struck a large whale, L boat struck him & we took the other boat in tow & started to windward got him spouting good blood, but he would not turn up the Capt lowered & killed him a number of times but still he lived, & traveled on slowly, it died away calm & came in thick so we were obliged to cut from him,, got on board at one o'clock at night,, found the flukes chain ready but no fish,, took in sail & set a look out watch, saw plenty of blackfish porpoises & large sperm whales

But we did not get that Whale

Dead



Lost

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Cruiseing For Sperm Fish

Nov 9th 55 Monday begins with good weather & no wind after breakfast got a breze from S.E, right where we want to go for our dead whale made all sail & worked to windward spoke a dutch merchantman bound to Batavia,, looking all day very hard but did not see our fish such is our luck,, head wind or none Lat 39,30 Lon 119,40

10th 55 Tuesday fine weather & moderate breze from the S daylight made all sail & worked to windward as fast as we could but did not see that whale, took in the bow boat & put her on the house,, put the S boat on the B cranes & put the English boat on the Starboard cranes,, boiled out our blackfish made one bl, state oil, boiled in water, Lat 39 45, Lon 120,07 day ends good breez N W, it will probably haul S by daylight

11th 55 Wednesday squally weather with a strong breze from the W daylight made all sail but soon had to come down to double reefed topsails & foresail, working to windward on short tacks, saw a sun fish, so another day is drawing to a close

In the Latitude of 3d S. Longitude 118 E

Nov 12th/57 Thursday blowing a gale of wind from S W. with some heavy rain squalls ship laying too on the S tack under close reefed main topsails spencers & stay sails. saw nothing, so ends this day & a long & dreary one it has been

13th/57 Friday cloudy squally weather with a strong S W wind & a very heavy swell ship under double reefed topsails & foresail back & tack,, busy seizing ~ saw a sun fish Lat 37,50 Lon 119,17

14th/57 Saturday thick hazy weather with a moderate breeze from S, main top G sail set & coursers furled working to windward., made some spun yarn & sk washed off, one sail in sight supposed to be a merchantman day ends good weather ,, & so another week ends, & no whale

15th/57 Sunday some squally with a good breeze from W S W, main top G sail set working to the southward saw plenty of finbacks, day ends very fine indeed Lat 37,40, another Sabbath has passed & another week is commenced, may it be a profitable one to us poor unfortunates

Cruising For Sperm Oil

Nov 16th/55 Monday very fine indeed with a moderate breeze from W. all sail set working to windward very busy at small jobs got up a blacksmiths forge. saw fin backs P.M. gammed with the Ship Korea New Bedford Capt Manchester & Lady 14 months out Sperm 600, Whale 200,, Day ends fine Lat 38,04 Lon 119,04

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gammed

rove royal braces:

17th/55 Tuesday begins with good weather & calm, very busy blacksmithing spliced top G sheets & fitted a band for main top mast, made some spun yarn P.M. fresh breeze from S E all sail set steering to the W; in company with the Korea, saw plenty of finbacks, day ends squally with strong breezes

18th/55 Wednesday very fine indeed with a good breeze from E all sail set steering to the W. all the fore part of the day P.M. heading N busy at all kinds of work, took out rice & molasses, saw some squid the K in sight

In 38,00 South 118,00 East

Nov 19$\frac{th}{55}$ Thursday beautifull weather with a moderate breeze from E all sail set standing to the N.W., busy black smithing & makeing spun yarn 11 oclock A M raised black-fish lowered 4 boats & got 6, hoisted them in & skined them, washed off, got supper, & took in sail, day ends fine Lat 37,50, Lon 118,07

20$\frac{th}{55}$ Friday begins with bad squally weather with a strong breeze from N.E, daylight set main top G sail but soon had to take it in & reef the top sails & furled main sail & jib P M good weather & moderate breeze from W. made sail again & stood to S, busy leaning & mincing blackfish blubber saw plenty of finbacks, day ends fine Lat 30,00, Lon 117,25

21$\frac{st}{55}$ Saturday Squally rainey bad weather A M moderate breeze from N.E all sail set standind to the N P M fresh breeze from S W. steering N N W.. saw finbacks.. did some small jobs 4 P M washed off. sunset put her under close reefed main topsail & foresail.. blowing quite fresh

Cruising For Sperm Oil

Nov 22 Sunday very fine indeed with good Breezes from S W all sail set steering to the N W,, saw plenty of finbacks blackfish & porpoises,, struck 3 porpoises & saved one,, day ends very fine Lat 36,,45 Lon 116,09,, So we commence another week,, may,, God in his mercy grant us health & success

23rd 55 Monday beautifull weather with light airs & calms very busy at all kinds of work boiled out one blackfish made 8 bbls,, broke out the after hold, did some sailors jobs & blacksmithing saw porpoises & grampuses,, day ends calm barometer very high, Lat 36,00, Lon 115,30,

got a lunar

24th 55 Tuesday very fine fore part of the day calm busy blacksmithing boat-building & making, seizing stuff saw porpoises, 2 sail in sight PM got a moderate breeze from S W, 4 oclock gammed with the Pamelia, had seen whales since we last saw her,, the other craft a merchant, saw sun fish got a lunar Lat 35,45, Lon 115,35 by Chro, Lunar 115,49

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On the South Coast of Australia

Nov 25th 55 Wednesday beautifull weather with light breezes from S W all sail set standing to the W 2 sail in sight very busy at all kinds of work, saw porpoises, Struck 2 sun fish both irons broke

165 gamms saved one of them,, took him in & saved his liver, S[illegible] raised a dead grampus lowered down took him along side hoisted him in & skined him day ends gamming with Pamelia, land in sight Lat 35,16 Lon 115,25

26th 55 Thursday very fine daylight made all sail with a light breeze from S E commenced boiling our grampus 2 sail in sight,, soon after breakfast raised a very large sperm whale going quick to the E, 4 miles off heading right up for the Pamelia lowered down 3 boats & the P lowered 3 & chased him till 3 oclock, but a steam boat could not have caught him came on board & put her off to the W, good breeze from E, day ends from E

27th 55 Friday good weather with a fine breeze from S E, daylight made all sail & steered to the W but soon took in the light sails to let the Pamelia keep up,, took down the boat off the house & finished her, put her back again, saw the R. K. Chunker & she stood to the E on the wind saw porpoises, tried to gamm but could not Lat 35,05 Lon 113,56,

Cruising for Sperm Oil

Nov 28th/55 Saturday good weather A M calm busy setting up rigging painted a boat on the house took down the blacksmiths forge, saw killers & grampuses P M got a light breeze from the W. all sail set steering to the N set the colours for the Pamelia to gamm,, washed & scrubed the ship & wound up with gamming Oh when will this end

166 gamms

29th/55 Sunday squally weather with a strong W. wind ship under close reefed main top sail & foresail most of the day on the S tack in Co with the Pamelia,, saw jumpers & a large shoal of black fish, lanced some from the ship,, saw 2 merchant man on the N tack Capt & mate on a string,, sunset ran off to the P so as not to lose run of her Lat 35,40 Lon 115 22

squally abaft the mizzen mast no danger (shipping)

31st/55 Monday blowing from S W. lying too most of the day under close reefed main top saill tack & tack latter part set the foresail very heavy swell,, sunset ran off 5 or 6 miles to keep in sight of the Pamelia,, the Capt wants company more than whales I think queer man for a whaleship Lat 36,00 Lon 115,08

On The South Coast of Holland

Dec first — Tuesday very fine & calm, daylight took the waist boat in to repair put the bow boat on the waist cranes & a boat from overhead on the bow cranes, lost sight of the Parnelia in the night & I am glad of it,, & so got a light breeze from S E, main top G sail set standing to the S, 5 oclock raised a sail on our lee beam,, kept off for her, barque with no main topsail yard aloft supposed to be the Cherokee, sunset luffed too & took in sail, & then kept off again ,, so we go,, Lat 35,,43,, Lon.. 115 26,,

saw porpoises & sun fish

Gammed with the Ferdinand

Sec — Wednesday beautiful weather with a moderate breeze from the E main top G sail set working to windward,, broke out a lot of meat from fore hold & stowed it aft,, worked on the old boat on the house & kept busy at something the most of the day,, saw porpoises caught one,, saw a finback & one sail day ends good weather Lat 36,10 Lon 115 37

17 00
12 Sperm
5 whale

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gammed

third — Thursday good weather with a strong breeze from S E daylight set the main top G sail but soon came down to double reefed topsails, standing to the S, raised the Parnelia on our lee, ran off & kept company with her,, took the boat down on deck & finished her,, put tack again saw porpoises Lat 36,50 Lon 116,17 day ends strong breeze going South

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

Dec 4th/55 Friday begins with thick foggy weather & strong breeze from E daylight set whole topsails but before breakfast was lying too under close reefed main topsail,, at meridian,, dead calm 8 oclk light baffling winds, set double reefed topsails & foresail working to the S,, busy caulking boat,,.. day ends thick weather & a breeze from SW, Lat 37,55 Lon 116,22

5th/55 Saturday thick smoky weather with a strong breeze from the S, Ship under close reefed topsails & courses, standing to the E, broke out water, painted a boat on the house,, saw a great many albatros, day ends thick

6th/55 Sunday begins with cloudy weather some squalls & a strong SE wind ship under close double reefed topsails standing to the E, 8 oclock A M raised a large Sperm whale going to leeward,, got run of him & lowered 10 oclock & boat struck,, got boat cracked & boat steerer knocked overboard whale ran bad, turned him up & got him along side at 1 oclk got dinner & commenced cutting,, spoke the Pamelia,, weather more moderate wind hauled out SW very heavy swell got the body in & set the watch parted a fin chain Lat 37,35 Lon 116,12

South o New Holland

Dec 7th 55 Monday fine weather with light baffling winds from all points, & a very heavy S W swell ship rolling very bad,, hove in the head, bailed the case & got it overboard commenced boiling the body, latter part of the day calm, saw porpoises, & a schooner

8th 55 minded & boat Tuesday cloudy squally weather with a strong breeze from E, & a very heavy S W swell,, boiling saw 2 sail lots of goneys ,, latter part of the day thunder lightning & rain, prospects of bad weather,, so ends the day, finished the body

9th 55 Wednesday ,, cloudy squally with some showers, wind to the N W, under close reefed main topsail & foresail,, boiling head all hands squeezing case, , driving it weather looks bad & barometer low ,, Pamelia in sight so ends the day

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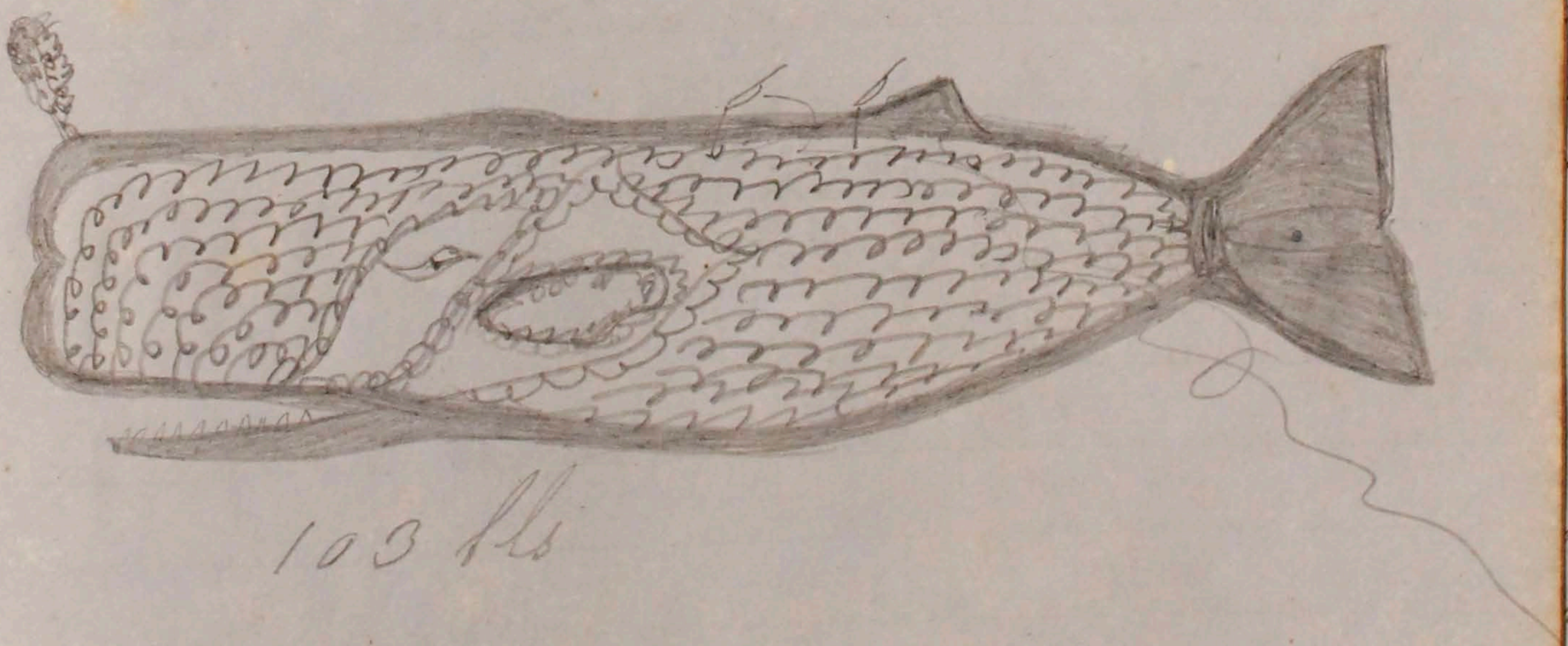

103 bls

Cruising For Sperm Oil

Dec
10th Thursday heavy squalls from S W. 2 oclock finished boiling turned up 65 of body & 40 of head,, very heavy sea,, could not stow down,, cleaned up the deck P M commenced blowing from W S W,, Lying too on the S tack under close reefed main topsail stay sail & spencer,, lashed up solid, sunset wore ship & set quarter watch Pamelia under our lee, so ends the day

11th 55 Friday begins squally & blowing from S W with a very heavy swell Lying too under close reefed main topsail could not stow down busy fitting cutting gear, 11 oclock ran off & spoke the Pamelia,, P M more moderate made a little sail & stood to the S,, gamming with the P,, day ends fine

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gammed

12th 55 Saturday fine weather with a light breeze from W, main top g sail set standing to the S, busy stowing down in the main hold put down 79 bls & chocked the hatches finished at noon,, P M lyed off & washed up after supper shifted the waist boat sunset took in sail & set the watch Pamelia in company. 25 bls, oil on deck

South Of New Holland

Dec
13th 55 Sunday very fine, A No good breze from N.E. daylight made all sail & steered S.E. Capt turned out took
169 in some sail to let the Gambia come
gamms up, passed a large peace of lean, day ends fine gamming with the G

14th 55 Monday very fine with a good breze from S.W. on the S tack under all sail G on our lee soon after breakfast raised sperm whales on our lee bow going to leeward, lowered 3 boats & L boat struck first riseing, turned him up part of the whales went to windward & the Gambia after them our L boat & waist boat chased more whales to leeward, L boat darted but did not get fast waist got an iron in ones small but did not hold on, came on board to let the whales get still, kept the ship off with main top G sail out & commenced cutting, with the expectations of getting another whale, before night, but Capt S wanted the Gambia to get one so, bad that he gave him our chance & told him what to do, shortened sail for him to come up & looked at him lower & catch one, smart man that ought to have another ship, got the body & junk in & let the case lay along side all night set try watches
saw 2 merchantman

Cruising For Sperm Oil On

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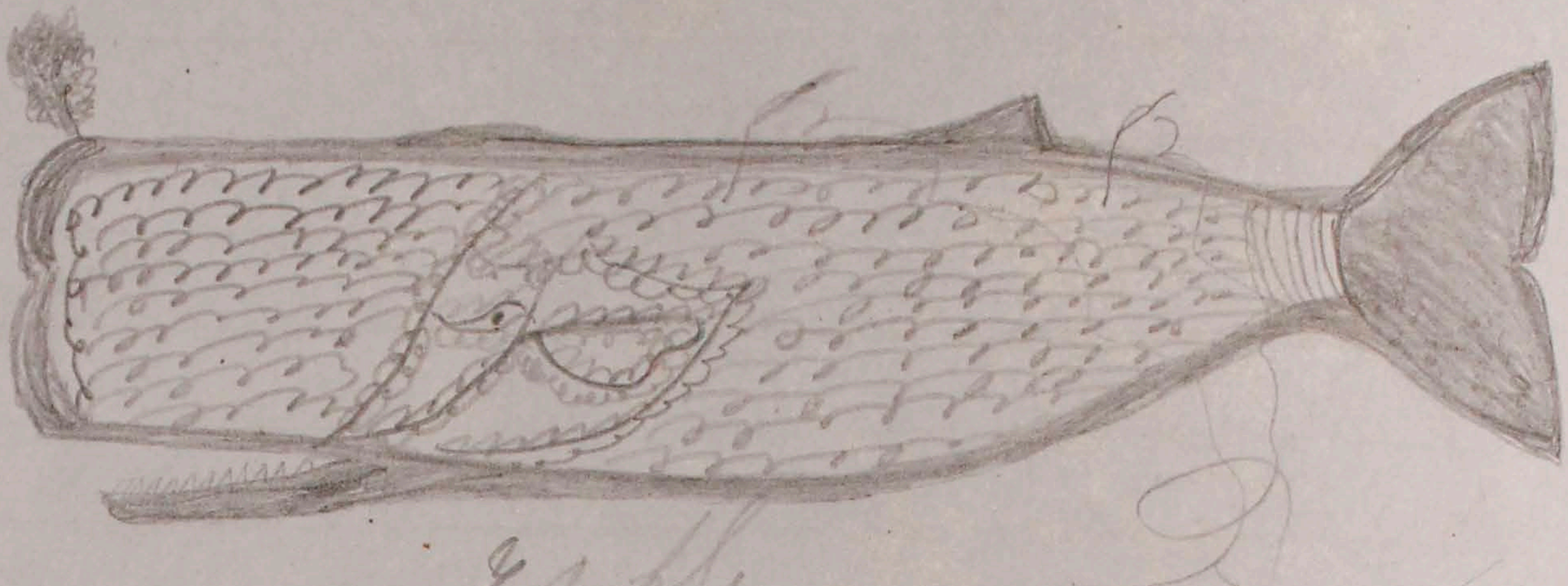
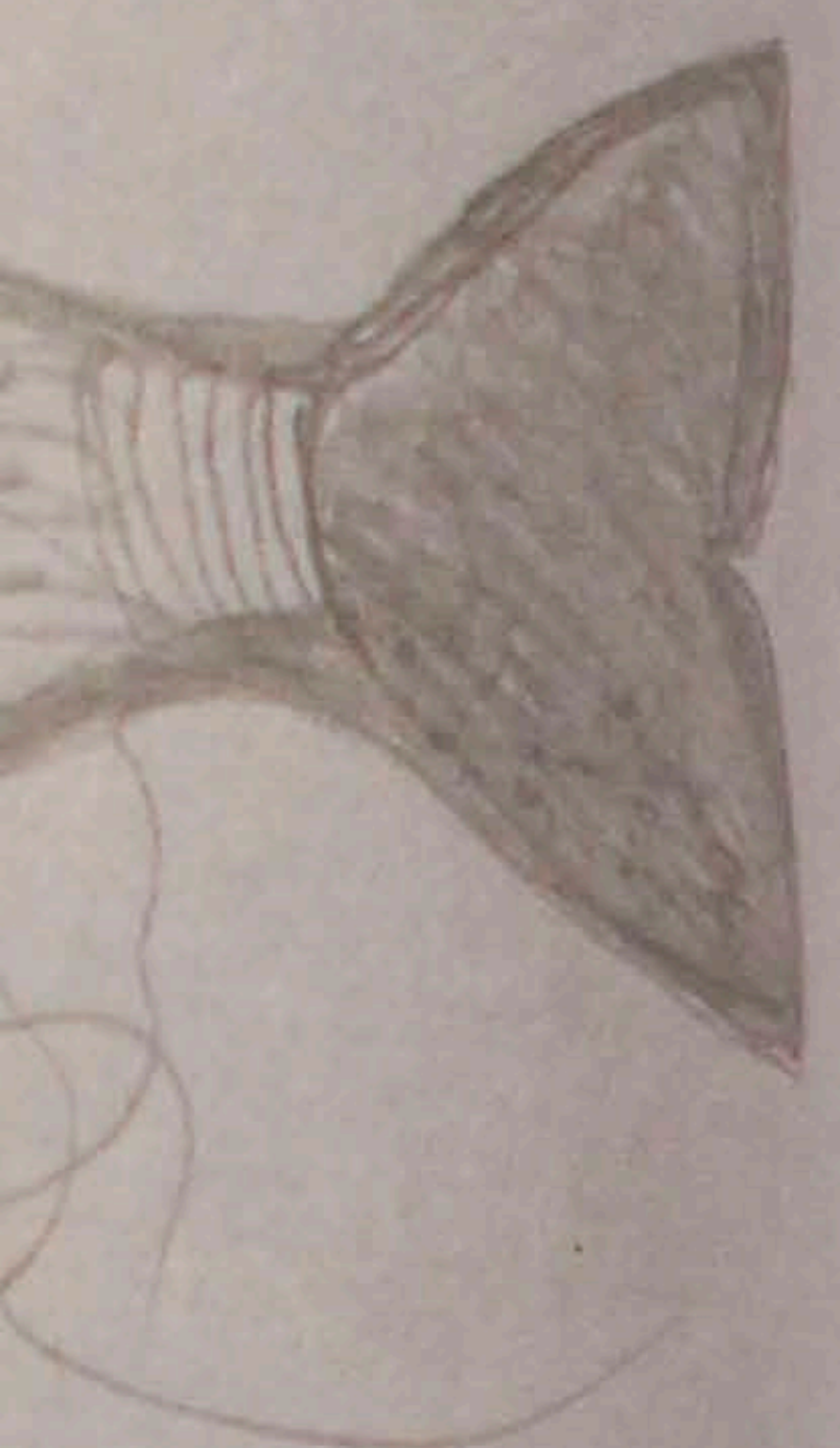


15th/55 Tuesday fine weather ~~wether~~ a good breeze from S W. daylight hove in our case got breakfast. bailed it & commenced boiling body, Camelia under our lee cutting, veerd ship a number of times & at last ran off & spoke her, got a short watch below 6 oclock put her under close reefed main topsail & foresail & set Nigerwatch Lat 37,,52 Lon 118,,36,,

16th/51 Wednesday good weather & a fresh breeze from S W, finished boiling body turned up 60 bls, saw a large Dutch merchantman steering E veered ship so he would not run us down & the calm did not se the & but kept run of her smoke

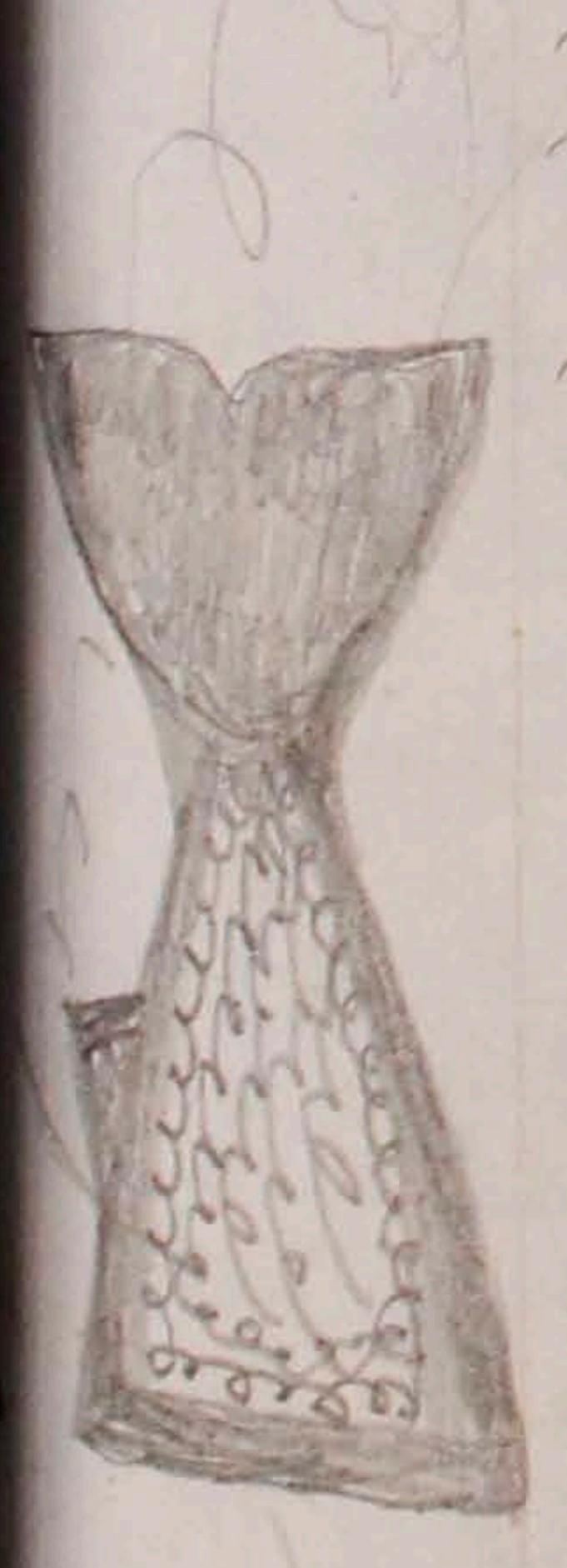


The South Coast Of Australia

Dec 17th/55 Thursday thick smokey weather with a strong breeze from $\overset{S.E}{S,W}$,, 6 oclock A M cooled down,, set double reefed topsails & foresail & stood to S, saw a merchant man blackfish porpoises & one finback,. cleared up decks rattled off P M fresh breeze took in fore topsail & luffed to the wind on S tack 5 oclock got supper put her under close reefed main topsail, & set the watch Lat 38,06 Lon 118,19

18th/55 Friday squall with a very strong breeze from S W, ship under close reefed main topsail, on the S tack, stowing down in the fore hold,, put down 103 bls finished at 3 P M,, got off set the fore sail, got the decks clean got supper & set the watch, weather some better, saw nothing Lat 38 02, 118,40

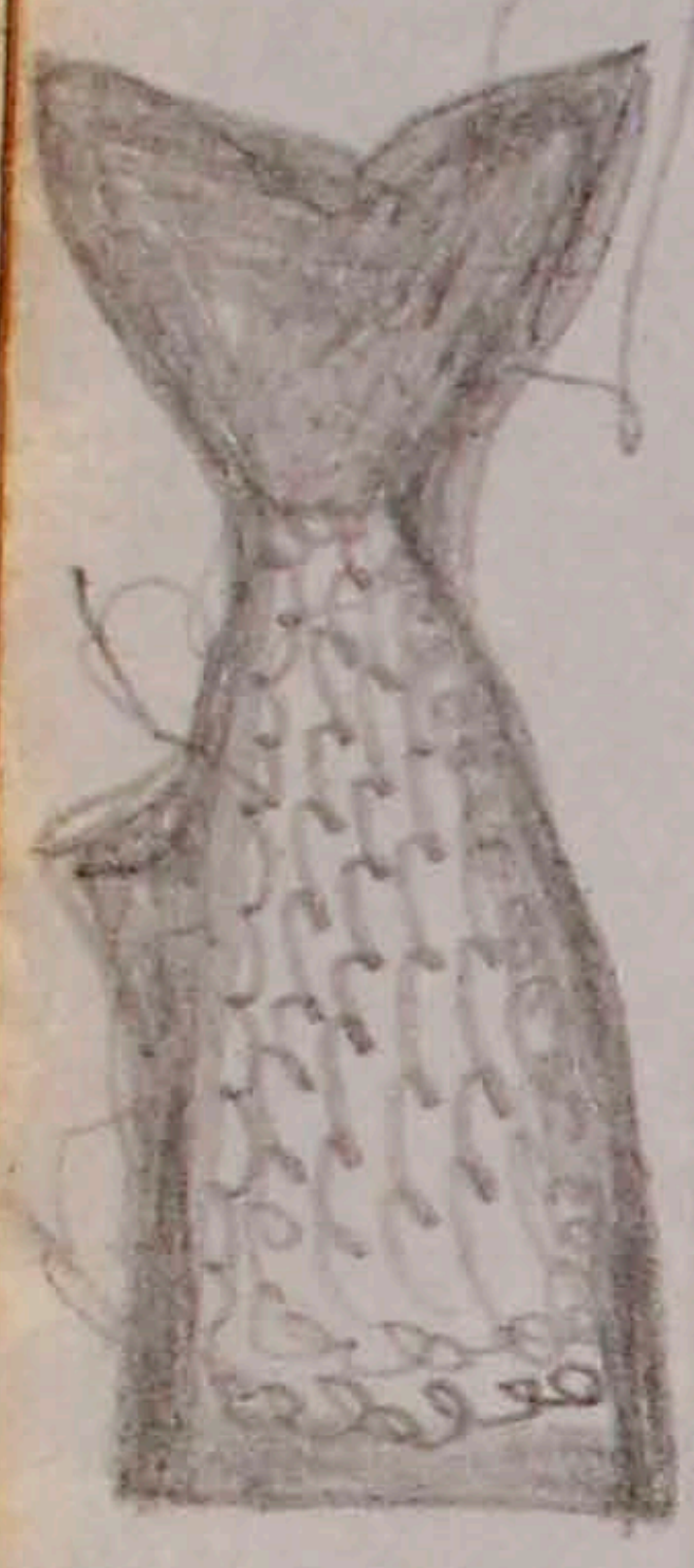
19th/55 Saturday cloudy with a strong breeze from W at N W, ship under double reefed topsails, working to windward, broke out the fore & after hatches, stowed back, lashed the main topmast, the fid broke,, 5 oclock P M raised sperm whales, ahead going to leeward lowered 3 boats, waist boat struck a large one got stove, upset bow boat picked her up, larboard struck & drawed, & it got so dark we could not see him,, put the stove boat on the house & another boat on the cranes took in sail got supper & set the watch Lat 37 47, Lon 118,09



Boat stove & whale lost foolishly

Cruising For Sperm Oil

Dec 20th/55 Sunday begins fair with a good breeze from the W daylight made all sail standing to the S, 7 oclock A M raised a large lone whale going slowly to the S E,, lowered 3 boats waist boat struck him the second rising he sounded heavy, but on the mates line & he parted it close to the whale, & away he went to windward, so another whale has gone off with 2 irons, such is the waist boats luck, came on board saw large breaches on the weather bow & the Pamelia to leeward ran off to her, saw fin backs & blackfish plenty of birds in sight finished the day in gamming so we pass another Sabbath, Lat 38 10, 119½



Line parted 100 bbls

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gamms

calm

21st/55 Monday fine weather A M light airs from S E, all sail set standing to the W, very busy mending boats coiling lines & repairing damages, made a cutting stage & a line tub finished the bow boat, P M moderate breezes from S W. on S tack,, shifted main topsails sunset took in sail in company with Pamelia, went sleep & turned in, but not to sleep but to think of our hard fate

In Latitudes 38½ Longitude 118½

Dec 22nd 55 Tuesday A.M. good weather with fresh breeze from W. main top G sail set working to windward, busy mending waist boat, sorted a spare line, P.M. did some small jobs & then got a strong breeze from W S W with some squalls double reefed the top sails, furled main sail & jib, sunset put her under close reefed main top sail Pamelia in Co as usual Lat 38,20 Lon 119

23rd 55 Wednesday begins clear with a strong breeze from S & W. ship under double reefed topsails & foresail working to windward, busy painting mending & varnishing waist boat, some scrimshawing & other jobs, got a lunar, saw finbacks Pamelia under our lee, day ends more moderate Lat 38 58 Lon 119,08

24th 55 Thursday very fine with a fresh breeze from N.E. main top G sail set sailing in all directions, saw finbacks Pamelia in company, finished the waist boat, put on some boat lines, got a lunar, Lat 38,10 Lon 118,31 by the Lunar 119,03

24 months out

25th 55 Friday good weather A.M. light winds from S E all sail set working to S.E. as it is Christmas day did no work had mince pies fore & aft, saw a large shoal of blackfish, P.M. gamming with the P. had green beans fresh beef & mutton day ends good breeze from W. weather fine

141 gamms

Cruiseing for Sperm Oil

Dec 26th/55 Saturday very fine indeed & a good breeze from S.W., Ship under whole topsails on the S tack sent down the main top sail mended & bent it again saw one finback plenty of gonnis &c, steering to the S W, Pamelia in C.o., painted waist boat broke out meat, saw porpoises caught one, washed off decks, days ends light breezes from S W Lat 38 — 119

27th/55 Sunday fine & calm most of the day latter part moderate breeze from the S, tried hard to get the Pamelia down to us & accomplished it had another gamming & for one I cant stand this much longer it is outrageous to spend so much time in gamming

172 gamms

28th/55 Monday the finest wether we have had the voyage, with a moderate breeze from S W all sail set steering to the S very busy at all kinds of work,, broke out water,, saw finbacks, &c shifted waist boat, plenty of birds in sight, so ends this day Pamelia in Co, Lat 37,25 Lon 119.02

In Latitude 38 Longitude 119

Dec

29th/55 Tuesday very fine with calms & light baffling winds all sail set working slowly in all directions,, busy sail mending ripped up an old main top G sail & spanker & repaired the old main sail, bent it & put the new one below,, saw finbacks Pamelia in sight as usual,,

30th/55 Wednesday beautifull weather with light breezes from E, all sail set steering to the S W,, daylight the P was not in sight, but Capt S soon found her, busy at all kinds of work, cut & fitted some new lanyards for main top mast rigging, saw porpoises,, day ends calm

31st/55 Thursday begins with cloudy weather & moderate breeze from W all sail set steering to the S,, saw one finback,, Pamelia in sight very busy scrimshawing P M blowing a gale from W S W, lying too on both tacks under storm sails Lat 37½ Longitude 119½, so ends another year,, many changes have taken place on board as well as on shore one of our number has found a watery grave, some have left and their places have been filled with new faces, & so we live on apparently unconscious that each day is one the less for us on earth,, Oh may we so live that when our summons comes it will find us ready

1858 Cruiseing For Sperm Oil South

Jan first Friday New years day,, blowing a heavy gale of wind from W.S.W.; ship lying too under close reefed main topsails & storm sails on the S tack some rain showering going on took out a cask of bread found it bad stowed it back again & got another P.M. took in bow boat waist boat up to davy heads,, Lat 37,50

2d Saturday blowing from the W.S.W. lying too on the S tack under storm sails,, some rain squalls, barometer low,, P.M. washed off decks Lat 38,25

3 rd/51 Sunday A.M. strong breeze & squally from W.S.W. ship on S tack under double reefed topsails & foresail,, saw jumpers,, P.M. wind hauled out S.W. & blowed took in every thing but close reefed main topsails & put her on the larboard tack, raining like fun

4 th/55 Monday,, blowing very hard from W.S.W. Lying too under close reefed main topsail stay sail & part of main spencer,, main topsail sheet parted did not hurt the sail P.M. blowing very hard took bow boat off try works & put her on quarter deck took craft out of waist boat ship on starboard tack very heavy sea on Lat 38,30 Lon 117,28

South Of New Holland Latitude 38

Jan 5th/55 Tuesday blowing a gale of wind from the W. Ship on S tack all day under close reefed main topsail spencer & staysail,, busy scrimshawing,, sunset put her on the other tack heading N

6th/55 Wednesday thick hazy bad weather & blowing strong from the W ship under close reefed topsails most of the day had mainsail & jib set a short time,, busy scrimshawing,, saw porpoises,, working to windward slowly sunset put bow boat on cranes,, thus another long day has brought to a close

7th/55 Thursday good weather with a good breeze from N W all sail set working to windward broke out the after hold for flour, main hatch for water,, saw finbacks & porpoises, but no sperm fish, day ends very fine indeed,, living on hopes Lat 38,02 Lon 119,52

8th/55 Friday thick & squally ship under double reefed topsails with strong breeze from W. on the S tack ship steered N N W saw porpoises,, busy scrimshawing Lat 37,44 Lon 119,30 standing whale watches

Cruising For Sperm Whales

Jan 9th 55 Saturday good weather with strong whole T sail breeze from W. Ship on the S tack,, broke out the rum & stowed back again,, caught a porpoise 4 oclock P.M washed off decks, standing whole watches Lat 36,10 Lon 119,01

10th 55 Sunday smoky weather with a fresh breeze from W. Ship under whole topsails part of the time main top G sail daylight raised ball island bearing NbW 15 miles, beat up the coast & at 6 oclock was inside of bald head lowered the boat & Capt went to town stood outside with the ship & laid off & on, Chronometer 15 miles west.

11th 55 Monday very fine,, lying off bald head waiting for Capt, light E winds 2 P.M boat came,, & we stood to the W. with all sail set,, Capt reports some ship lost off [illegible],, sunset took in sail & set quarter watch fresh breeze from E,

12th 55 Tuesday thick & smoky with a strong E wind daylight set main top G sail & soon after came down to double reefed top sails & foresail steering from N.W. to S.W., saw 2 merchant men, saw the land one finback & porpoise passed a sunfish,, P.M. some thunder & lightning Lat 35,34, Lon 116,54 sunset took in sail

On the South Coast of Australia

Jan 13th 55 Tuesday fine weather with a moderate breeze from W. main top g sail set working to windward in company with 2 English merchantmen spoke one, Kangeroo of London bound to Calcutta from Adelaide,, saw porpoises, land in sight, 25 miles distant, broke out meat day ends fine sunset took in sail

19th 55 Thursday smoky weather with a strong westerly wind A M all sail set tack & tack P M under whole topsails,, saw several merchantmen,, & the land, 6 oclock lowered for blackfish but they proved to be cow fish,, looking sharp for the Parmelia, the Capt is, hope we shant see her, Lat 35,52 Lon 116,35

15th 55 Friday begins with good weather & fine breeze from N.E., all sail set steering to the W.,, saw a sail on the lee bow kept off for her but soon lost sight of her,, 10 oclock saw another ran for her & at 12 oclock spoke the Eagle of New bedford Capt McKelly 15 months out with 100 sperm & cutting a large whale, taken the day before, had seen the Swallow cutting the day before & Parmelia chasing whales had lots of letters, for the Pacific, got our letters came on board took in sail & at 2 P M was lying too under close reefed main topsail,, sunset blowing strong from W & N.W. saw finbacks & porpoises,, ship on the S. tack

No letters for me Bad news for Levi

173 gammies

Cruisering For Sperm Oil

Jan 16th 55 Saturday good weather with a fine
broke breeze from S, steering N W with
out main top G sail set, daylight called
water all hands for sperm whales but
proved to be sulphur bottoms, looking
very sharp for the Pamelia saw
174 porpoises,, 6 oclock raised the P
gamms ahead & another on our lee beam
kept sail out till dark & reached
hard the P Capt C came on board & was
times informed by Capt S that his ship
& the was to be taken if he went into any
Capt port on New Holland, being out
a man of wood & water he feels very bad
of no about it & I expect Capt S will be fool
sense enough to help him out of it,, work
off whaling to give him supplies, this
is whaling, Lat 35,38 lon 115 38

17th 55 Sunday fine weather with a good
175 breeze from S E all sail set, daylight
gamms 4 whalers in sight 2 boiling, hauled
3 ships, aback the main yard for the Pamelia
squally Capt C wanted to get his water but
weather was told it was Sunday Capt S told
coming him how to steer, so as to meet P to
for the & we would give him the water
Pacific, monday, P M gammed with the P,
look the Eagle & Barque Swallow Capt Stewart
out Cap of New Bedford 14 months out 250
S & take bls sperm, the Lap Wing would not
in sail run down, I think the Capt of
in time her has a little sense, day ends
or we good weather lying along side of
will have the P all night
a row

Off Cape Leuwin In January

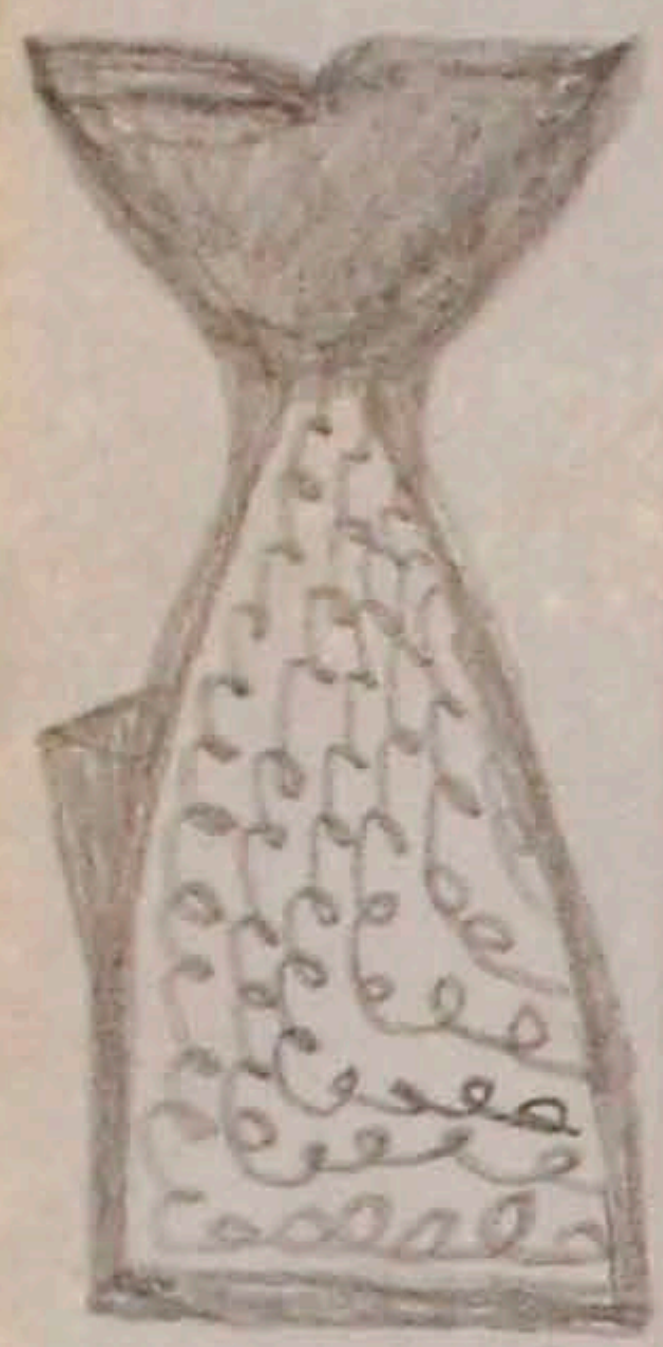
Jan
18th 55 Monday morning bright & clear with
176 fine breeze from S E, set whole topsails
gammed & kept off for the Pamelia,, Capt Coggeshall
squally came on board with 65 bbls water casks
fore to be filled, got up a tackle took off
aft & main hatches,, & the Capt was surprised
amid to find no one to go down there, had
ships a row Capt C agreed to pay the new
to much Second mate went to mast head & stopped
sail out till night, third mate went into the cabin
got the the water was got out Capt C carried
best of it off & at 2 P.M. we braced full & stood
it to S, saw 2 merchantmen & 3 whalers
day ends fine Lat 35,25 Lon 115,05

19th 55 Tuesday very fine with a moderate breeze
from the S & E, all sail set steering
177 to the N & W, saw 3 sail & one fin
gammed back, broke out all the after hold,
for fire,, fore hold & blubber room for
shook heads P M gammed with Bark
Iowa, of Fair Haven Capt Moors,, 15
months out 200 sperm 450 humpbacks,
so ends this day Lat 35,35 Lon 114,14

20th 55 Wednesday good weather & fine S E wind
steering in all directions with all sail
set,, saw 3 sail & porpoises, rove a new
main top G, runner, P M wanted to gamme
but did not dare too day ends with fair
prospects of a strong S E wind & I think
we shall leave if it is so Lat 36,00
Lon 114 43

Cruising For Sperm Oil

Jan 21st Thursday good weather with fine
S E breezes main top G sail set working
to windward, scraped & washed out
178 the after tank to put water in, saw
gammes 2 merchant men, the Pamelia in sight
3 o clock P M raised Sperm whales
coming to windward, lowered 3 boats
but it was no use, they were 10 miles
to windward in 40 minutes, after
supper saw a lone whale bound
to windward but it was no use, evening
gammed with the P Lat 35,15, Lon 114,50



22nd Friday begins with squally weather
& fresh breeze from S W, set main
top G sail & worked to windward
1 sail in sight, signalized an merchant
man, 10 A M double reefed the topsails
furled mainsail & jib blowing strong, saw
the Lapwing to windward whaling, under
short sail, the Eagle Pamelia & Swallow
to leeward under 2 double reefed topsails
after dinner set mainsail & jib, 3 o clock
had to furl them, saw the Lapwing take
a whale along side, & take in all sail
soon after she parted from him, made
sail & took him again, at sunset was
lying by him, day ends strong breeze
Lat 35,40 Longitude 113,23 E, I wish
the Capt would go into port for I
am getting salt

Off Cape Lewenn, New Holland

Jan
23rd Saturday fine weather with moderate
breeze from S E, with very heavy S W
swell,, from daylight till noon steered N with
all sail set; took all our spare sails out
of the fore hold & put them in the forward
tank,, Cooper very busy setting up water casks
saw 3 sail 2 killers 1 sunfish & plenty of
porpoises S W broke out water,, steered N E
6 oclock saw the cape kept her off, washed off
decks sunset put her under double reefed
topsails & foresail, still steering off, think
he is going in, Lat 35 00 Lon 114,45

24th Sunday fine weather with a good breeze from
S daylight made all sail & steered to the N
saw Cape Lewain, & at 4 P M entered Geographe
30 Bay part of the time running 12 miles per
months hour, the wind died to a light breeze & we
out steered E for Bunbury, got up the cables &
bent them & the anchors off the bow, at dark
we were 10 miles from the town, hauled
up courses furled light sails & hove to
with head yards aback, heading in shore with
13 fathoms of water

25th Monday good weather with a fresh breeze
from S W, daylight found we were 10 miles
in to leeward of the port made all sail & beat
Bunbury up, came to anchor at 10 oclock A M in 4½
fathoms water Capt went on shore & sent
off potatoes & onions, on board we came
up with all the main topmast rigging
& put a new fid in the mast, & set
the rigging up so ends the first day
sent to the office for letters

Lying In Bunbury

Jan
26th/55 Tuesday cloudy, damp weather with strong breezes from S E, got some fresh meat to eat,, finished setting up our shooks, all hands coopering sent 28 casks on shore & filled them rafted part of them down Capt came on board for a short time with a number of visitors

got some fish

27th/55 Wednesday very fine indeed all hands employed in watering got off 120 bls & stowed it down filled up the after tank, so ends another day

28th/55 Thursday very fine with fresh breezes from the W,, busy getting off water & stowing it down 250 bls on board & at the Merchant brig Lockinvar from Freemantle came in & anchored, Capt S did not come off to day on account of ill health,, evening gamming with the brig,,

29th/55 Friday pleasent but very hot getting water 320 bls on board, 60 bls in the after hold,, Capt came on board with visiters,, & sold them a lot of stuff tin ware, shoes, hams & a variety of other things. brig shifted her anchorage to throw her ballast over board,, another day is drawing to a close, & we are looking for letters from the vessel

Lying In Bunbury

Jan 30th 55 Saturday,, beautifull but very hot stowed down some water sent some casks on shore,, fitted some rigging brought off one boat load of potatoes Capt came on board & carried some trade on shore,, Sh washed off ship & sails had some male visitors on board so ends another day

31st 55 Sunday very fine but terrible hot A sh some of the larboard watch on shore, some of the crew sailing, & some sleeping Capt did not come off Sh wo a cutter came up from swan river a boat load of boys & girls came on board to see the ship so ends the first sabbath

Feb 1st 55 Monday very fine indeed,, but hot, Starboard watch on liberty Larboard employed in fitting rigging,, & idleness,, A sh bargue Iowa came in, had seen whales 2 times since we came in,

See one man in irons the effects of rum

Tuesday very fine but hot L watch on liberty ~~the~~ the rest employed fitting rigging getting off wood & potatoes,, Capt came on board & put one man in irons, kicked up a muss & left so ends another day

Lying In Bunbury

Jan Third Wednesday very hot, Starboard watch on liberty — the rest getting off wood potatoes & onions, lots of visitors

4th/55 Thursday very hot one watch on shore & the rest employed washing ship & painting

5 Friday hot & clear half on liberty & painting ship

6th/55 Saturday fine but hot watch on shore finished painting & washed off inside, got off all the potatoes & onions, &c a shore man was drowned in the river

7th/55 went to church Sunday hot, most of the S watch on shore - part gone to Australind

8th/55 Monday very hot, all hands on board got of 5 casks of water & stowed it set up fore topmast backstays, got of some lumber & onions &c lots of ladies on board

9th/55 Tuesday hot, A.K. got ready for sea &c had a spree on board 25 ladies came, kept it up all night, felt sleepy

In Port

Feb 10th 55 Wednesday fine weather & light winds from S, 9 oclock got under weigh in company with the Iowa, & beat out with 6 tons of potatoes 2 tons of onions, 500 feet of lumber 5 cords of wood 5 bushels of peaches 400 bbls of water,, a number of pets such as dogs & birds, & other things to numerous to mention, stood up for the Basse standing whole watches,

11th 55 Thursday fine weather with light airs from from S E daylight saw 5 sail lying at the Basse, Capt went on shore & we worked the ship up anchored & furled the sails before dinner, lying in 4½ fathoms water & sh making mion nets, 3 oclock Iowa came in

12th 55 Friday fine weather Starboard watch on liberty the rest doing nothing,

13th 55 Saturd fine Larboard watch ashore the rest busy at small jobs come up with the main stay & repaird it set it up again,, fitted top mast rigging, & sh Iowa got under weigh & went to Bunbury

14th 55 Sunday fine ships dressed out with flags part of the crew ashore;, the rest writing letters

Lying At The Valse

Feb

15th/55 Monday fine, all ready for sea, from Saturday night untill now with a fine fair wind, but the Capt has been waiting to go to a spree, that was held on board the Oriole, kept it up all night

16th/55 Tuesday fine weather with a fine breeze from S, all ready for sea waiting for the Capt,, who is very sleepy after his spree bought some toggle irons of the Eagle 2 P.M got under weigh & stood out with main top g sail set 4 o clock double reefed the topsails, furled the courses hauled aback & took our anchors stowed chains got supper & gammed with the Pamelia strong breeze from S, set quarter watches

Shipped 3 men

179 gammes

17th/55 Wednesday fine with fresh breeze from S, under whole topsails working to windward,, saw one sulphur bottom & blackfish,, land in sight,, very busy getting things strait, sunset took in sail

18th/55 Thursday hazy weather with a strong breeze from S ship under double reefed topsails working to windward saw porpoises, busy picking our onions, P.M gammed with the Rowena, found she was looking for the Pamelia to give her some potatoes & wood, so ends another day

180. gammes

Off Cape Lieuwen,

Feb 19th 55 Friday fine weather with a fresh breeze from S., fore part of the day under reefed topsails, Later part maintop G sail set,, working to windward, wet hold for the first time, did some other small jobs,, Iowa in company,, Lat 34,40 Lon 112,51,

20th 55 Saturday fine weather with good breeze from S & E, all sail set working to windward, busy setting up rigging & other jobs, saw nothing,, prospects look bad, sunset had the wind from S W, stood whale watches & steered into the S E, for luck

21st 55 Sunday thick & squally with a fresh breeze from the W, main top G sail set most of the day, steering S E & E barometer falling & we saw a fin back that we took to be a sperm whale at first, standing whale watches Lat 34,45 Lon 114,41

22nd 55 Monday blowing a gale of wind from W S W, lying too on the S tack under storm sails, standing quarter watches & reading news papers Lat 36,40 Lon 116,10

23rd 55 Tuesday good weather with light breezes from S W all sail out standing to the S E busy at all kinds of work broke out bread water picked over our onions & put up a blacksmiths forge saw 2 goneys besides myself Lat 37 00 Lon 117,11

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

Feb
24th 55 Wednesday fine weather with a
moderate breeze from N E all sail
31 set steering to the S, making a
months gang way board sent down the fore
out top G sail & repaird it & bent it, did
not see a living thing Lat 27,15, 118,00

25th Thursday squally with a strong breeze
from W. A M. main top G sail set
steering S, P M came down to double
reefed topsails & foresail on the wind
, saw 3 merchant men some porpoises
& finbacks several birds in sight, ground
looks better,, finished gang way board
sent down main spencer cut it over
& bent it,, day ends ruggest, with
hard times Lat 38,00 Lon 118,,36

26th 55 Friday A M squally weather with a
good breeze from N W, ship under
double reefed topsails,, broke out
meat,, repaird mainsail on the
yard,, P M good weather & fine breeze
steering to the N E with all sail set
saw porpoises & some birds Lat 38,12, 119,11

27th 55 Saturday fine weather with a good
breeze from N, N, W, main top G
sail over single reefed topsails
busy as usual,, saw nothing, almost
ready to give up in despair,, but
have concluded to wait one more week
Lat 38,12 Lon 118 or there abouts

In Latitude 38,00 Longitude 118,00

Feb
28th 55 Sunday begins with half a gale of wind
birth from S W, Ship on the S tack under
day close reefed topsails & foresail, saw
nothing P M set jib & mainsail &
steered N W Lat 37,35 Lon 116,51,

29th Monday very fine with a good breeze from
March E, with a heavy S W swell all sail set
first steering N N W, busy picking over onions
stowing them in racks, & at work in the
rigging P M caught a porpoise, saw a
large yankee merchant man with double
topsails steering N W, Lat 36,56 116,00,

Second Tuesday very fine A M moderate breezes from
N E all sail set steering N W, busy at
all kinds of work, P M, sent down the
fore topsail & commenced repairing it
light winds from S W steering N E sig-
F nalized a large dutch merchant man
bound to the W, day ends very fine

Third Wednesday very beautifull weather with
light breezes from E all sail out standing
" to the N finished mending the fore top
sail & bent it & sent down the foresail
to repair middle part of the day nearly
calm,, saw grampuses, the prospects
look dark, & I am getting homesick
day ends wind from S W good breeze
Ship on the S tack Lat 38,35,, 115,52

Cruising For Sperm Oil

March 4th/55 Thursday fine weather with moderate breezes from S E all sail set steering with N & W, finished the foresail & bent it, broke out water & wet hold saw porpoises 3 P.M. saw the land bearing N 25 miles distant Lat 35,22 Lon 115,47

5th/55 Friday good weather with light winds from W. all sail out working to the W most of the day,, broke out the after hold for meat & molasses P.M. lowered 4 boats for blackfish & caught one very wild,, saw a ship to leeward supposed to be the Spring, ran off 2 hours & then luffed too & took in sail,, shifted main topsail braces saw the land to the N, & plenty of cow fish

Our big dog is very much out of health

6th/55 Saturday good weather with a strong breeze from S W. main top G sails set most of the day & fore top sail double reefed, working to windward,, busy at all kinds of work P.M. washed off decks & gammed with the ship Europa of New Bedford Capt [illegible] 20 months out 400 sperm 700 whale, got letters from home,, none for me

181 gammes

7th/55 Sunday very fine with light breezes from S S E, gamming all sails set getting nowhere Ship Europa Pamelia & Bk Oriole Capt Michael of Fairhaven 8 months out 200 sperm Lat 35,39 Long of Pacific 115,47, oriole 115,37, Pamelia 115,58, Europa 115,16

pulled out a sound tooth for Mr Albro

On the South Coast of New Holland

Feb 8th 55 Monday good weather with light airs from all quarters,, all sail out, working to the W, 3 sail in sight,, hauled out

182 our blackfish & did some work in the rigging

gammed 3 ships saw grampuses,, no whales

9th 55 Tuesday very fine, day begins with calms & light baffling winds,, busy at work

183 in the rigging & making seizing stuff

gammed saw grampuses, " sail in sight,, skip jacks under the bow & so got a light

Killed the big dog breeze from the S E, steering to the W with all sail set,, gammed with the Cornelia, put letters on board to go home Lat 35,35 Lon 115,45

10th 55 Wednesday smokey weather with a fresh breeze from S E main top G sail set steering to the W,, clipper ship across a little ahead,, saw one the sail one fin back one porpoise & some skip jack, busy making seizing stuff, sunset reefed to on the S tack & took in sail Lat 35,40, 115,1

11th 55 Thursday foggy & calm most of the day,, mended the main topsail on the yard, broke out water & wet hold saw one sail, & caught a porpoise sunset took in, sail, with a light breeze from the S with plenty of thunder lightning & some prospects of rain got no observations,, getting discouraged if we do not get something soon the poor house will look us hard in the face

Cruising For Sperm Whales

March

12th/55 Friday thick & foggy all day with light breezes from N E, main top g sail set, cruising,, busy at all kinds of work, among other things making a turning lathe,, saw lots of killers Capt would not lower, had a great chance for oil, sunset took in sail,, raining with thunder & lightning, Lat 35,12, Lon 113,52,

13th/55 Saturday begins with squally weather & fresh breezes from N made all sail everything, & stood E, 11 oclock saw a whale ahead ran for him & luffed too aback but saw him no more,, saw grampus, set up fore top mast rigging 8 ock strong breeze on the S tack had to reef down Sunset blowing half a gale, put her under a close reefed top sail on the S tack Lat 35,40 Lon 114,47, Hope is leaving

14th/55 Sunday blowing a gale of wind from the W ship lying too all day under storm sails tack & tack,, 2 oclock saw the land, distant 20 miles N E, 6 ock moderated, set the reefs heading to the S, Lat 35,08 Lon 115,15

15th/55 Monday blowing strong from N round to S W 4 ock ship under double reefed topsails & foresail, 8 ock lying too under close reefed main top sail, tack & tack, saw the land, day ends bad Lat 35 40 Lon 115,59,

Off Cape Leuwin

March
16th 55 Tuesday cloudy weather with a strong breeze from S W to S E stuck on the S tack with single reefed top-sails & main top g sail set over,, busy as usual, saw the land under our lee distant 20 miles saw grampuses & 2 diamond fish Lat 35,55 Lon 115 39

17th 55 Wednesday very fine with moderate breezes from the E all sail set steering to the N, broke out water meat & molasses painted a boat on the house, did some carpentering & seamstering,, saw nothing to do the eye good Lat 35,18 Lon 114,,33

18th 55 Thursday fine weather with a good breeze from S W all sail set standing to the N W, wet hold broke out water, painted the S boat,, P M Spoke the Barque Cherokee, & Capt Smith came on board, we laid aback over 2 hours he was bound to Hobartown had taken one whale since we saw her,, day ends squally to windward Lat 34,50 Lon 114,04

184
gammes

19th 55 Friday fine weather with a good breeze from S, all sail set steering to the N W busy at all kinds of work, over hauled the stay tackles, put new straps to some of the blocks.. Saw 2 merchantmen steering the same, day ends fine, saw grampuses Lat 33,57, Lon 112,59

Steering To the N W from Leeuwin

March

20th/55 Saturday very fine with a good breeze from S all sail set steering to the N W, busy as usual, put new foot-ropes on the main top-sail yard, finished the turning lathe saw a merchantman bound to the S, P M saw grampuses, Lat 32,28, 111,

21st/55 Sunday fine weather with a good breeze from S all sail set standing to the N N W after yards busy navigating, saw some flying fish sunset left a whole main top sail set Lat 31,25 Lon 109,48, E,

22nd/55 Monday beautifull weather with a fine breeze from the south, all sail set steering to the N & W busy at all kinds of work, saw a merchantman bound to the N saw 2 cow fish, prospects look dark Lat 27,40 Lon 108,25

23rd/55 Tuesday very fine indeed with a fine breeze from the S, all sail set steering N W & N, busy as usual among the things made a fore royal yard & painted it, saw nothing but a shark, & we have given up all hopes,, & after this shall put our trust in Providence
Lat 29,08 Lon 107,05

Looking For Sperm Whales

March 24th/55 Wednesday very fine with a good breeze from S all sail set steering to the N, busy as usual, rove new main topsail halyards & runner, took the topsail halyards for it,, mended upper topmast staysail &c gammed with the Ship swallow, had seen whales twice but got none since last report Lat 28,16 Lon 108,01,

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gammed

25th/55 Thursday good weather with a fine breeze from S, all sail set steering N & NE Ship swallow in company,, busy as usual wet holds,, broke out water from the tank saw jumpers & flying fish,, &c spanker vang parted,, so ends another day,, may the next bring us another sperm whale so we may not forget how they look Lat 27,55 Lon 106,31,

26th/55 Friday good weather with a fine breeze from SE, main top G sail set on the starboard tack, spok the Bk Kathaleen of New Bedford Capt Marble & Wife 7 months out clean,, Ship swallow in sight, watch employed picking up spun yarn, made some new spanker vangs, saw a nondescript, but no sperm whales & dont expect to see any this is New Holland whaling, & I have seen enough of it, & am quite ready to leave, Lat 26,55 Lon 107,25,

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

March 27th/55 Saturday beautifull weather with a strong breeze from S all sail set working to windward,, busy as usual sent up fore royal yards broke out molasses & washed ship & gammed with the Kallatalken found that he had taken 70 bls sperm ship swallow in sight 11 oclock still gamming Lat 26,45 Lon 106,31,

28th Sunday fine with good trade winds from the S E all sail set working to windward, the swallow & K in sight,, Capt S seemes to be troubled,, has taken a hint, but was hit hard before he took it, standing whole watches with all sail set,, saw no fish Lat 26,56 Lon 107,05

186 gammes

29th/55 Monday good weather with a fine breeze from S S E main top & sail set working to windward, the K & S in sight,, broke out bread & flour, from the fore hold, standing whole waches Lat 27,,55,, Lon 107,40,,

30th/51 Tuesday begins with good weather with fresh breeze from S E, all sail out on the S tack, saw one sail, one spout, one jumper, one dolphin, & one shark, standing whole waches day ends with a very strong breeze Lon 107,11

On the West Coast of New Holland

March 31st Wednesday blowing strong from S E & very smokey ship under double reefed topsails on the S tack,, saw nothing,, still standing ship watches,, Lat 27,56 Lon 108,11,

April first Thursday blowing a gale from S E, ship under double reefed topsails & foresail on the S tack,, wet holds,, saw one dolphin & some flying fish,, day ends blowing strong Lat 28,16 Lon 108,30

2nd Friday blowing strong from S E, under double reefed topsails & courses on the Larboard tack,, saw nothing,, day ends with strong breezes Lat 29,20 Lon 107,56

3rd Saturday thick & smokey with a fresh breeze from S E main top G sail set on the L tack, saw some flying fish & a few birds P M. washed ship, Lat 31,20 Lon 106 55

4th 55 Sunday smokey with a good breeze from E S E, main top G sail set, heading south saw a few hungry birds,, no prospect of whales, still standing ship watches, bound somewhere,, fore topsail leech rope parted Lat 33,34 Lon 106,44,,

April 5th 55 Monday very smokey,, with moderate breezes from the E, all sail set working to windward,, saw nothing,, did nothing but get some lunar observations found the Chronometer about right Lat 35,40 Lon 106,50

Swift & Perry

Looking For Sperm oil

April 6th/55 Tuesday very smokey with light breezes from E all sail set working to windward busy picking over potatoes,, saw plenty of albacore small fish, some birds & several finbacks,, one came along side,, with several lance holes in him,, we shot a bomb at him but it exploded before it reached him,, got some lunars,, Lat 36,,00 Lon 107,,49,,

7th/55 Wednesday smokey with a fresh breeze from E,, all sail set on the S tack,, broke out meat found we had eaten 10 bbls the last month,, Capt very much displeased,, saw nothing,, got a lunar, Lat 37,,25 Lon 108,,30

8th/55 Thursday begins smokey & squally with a strong breeze from N to W,, ship under double reefed topsails most of the day steering N E,, wet hold broke out water & oil, mended the main topsail on the yard,, sunset took in sail,, so as not to eat so much,, & stood whole quarter watches Lat 36,,50 Lon 110,,09,,

9th/55 Friday cloudy with a fine breeze from S main top G sail set steering N E found the jib stay stranded,, took it in & repaired it; saw nothing,, not even a bird,, a gloomy sadness has come over the Pacific's crew, & they have at last resigned themselves to fate Lat 35,08 Lon 110,31,

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On the Coast of New Holland

April 10th 55 Saturday cloudy with a fine breeze from S all sail set steering to the E. saw a merchant-man bound W,, busy at work in the rig-ging & scrimshoning saw nothing of the fish kind,, one bird in sight Lat 34,,46,, Lon 112,,07

11th 55 Sunday cloudy with squalls all around the horizen, A M calm & P M good breeze from W steering E S E, saw a merchantman bound W,, saw porpoises & a breach,, repaired the jib Lat 34 40 got no Obs,,

12th 55 Monday very fine indeed,, with a light breeze from the N W all sail set steering E,, repaired the main topsail aloft most of the ships company employed in scrimshoning saw one fin back Lat 35,,00,, Lon 113,,45,,

13th 55 Tuesday begins with squally weather & strong breezes from N W ship under double reefed topsails & foresail steering S E saw dolphin & flying fish, some birds in sight. P M luffed to the wind on S tack & set the main top G sail,, better weather Lat 35 30 115,,14

14th 55 Wednesday squally with half a gale from the W ship lying to on both tacks under storm sails,, busy scrimshoning navigating & working enigmas,, saw one sail to leward & the land to the N E, Lat 35 00 Lon 115 47 hard times these & no fish, still hoping & praying,, but no oil comes

Swift & Perry

Passing Time Away On the

April
15th 55 Thursday good weather with a light breeze from the E 2 oclock A M kept her off W with main top G sail set saw the land to N E, 25 miles distant. got hold & broke out water,, saw quite a number of birds,, but no fish,, had a mountainous swell from S W, Sunset took in sail, Lat 35,20 Lon 115,,15 by Chro 30 miles east of time. Good night

16th 55 top mast studding sail set Friday very fine indeed with a good breeze from E all sail set steering N W; got up fore top mast studding sail booms & got out a sail & set it,, employed at all kinds of work as usual, P M got up a great excitement over a sulpher bottom, boats all ready,, Sunset took in sail Lat 34,40 Lon 114,00

17th 55 Saturday smokey weather with a fine breeze from S E all sail set,, top mast studding sail. steering W,, tared some of the head stays,, did some small jobs in the rigging,, P M washed ship, saw nothing and it looked the same as usual, Lat 33,22 Longi by Chronometer 113,31,,

West Coast of New Holland

Apl 18th Sunday very fine indeed with a fine breeze from S topmast studding sail set steering N.N.E.,, saw a sunfish & some jumpers,, several birds in sight Lat 31,24,, Lon 114.07,,

19th Monday good weather with a moderate breeze from S topmast studding sail set steering N, saw sulphur bottoms, rig filling footropes,, P.M. getting into shoal water,, Lat 29,30 Lon 114,05,, expect to see the Houtman rocks tomorrow,, standing whole watches,,

Rove new reef tackles to fore & main topsails

20th Tuesday fine weather with a fine breeze from S daylight made all sail,, saw the land on the west coast,, kept the ship off W. 10 A.M. raised the north end of the Abrolos rocks & shoals, stood in & 2 boats went in a fishing,, ship lying off & on,, bent one cable & got the anchor off the bow,, boats came off at sunset with some fish,, lying off & on all night,, standing whole watches Lat 29, Lon 114

21st Wednesday cloudy,, with a strong breeze from S.E. after breakfast 2 boats went on shore,, Capt went to survey the place & the other boat to fish came on board ~~about~~ about 3 oclock, with 200 lbs of fish,, made all sail & beat to windward,, standing whole watches Lat 29 Lon 114

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

April 22nd,, Thursday cloudy weather with a strong breeze from S E, daylight kept her off W, with main top g sail set & fore top sail double reefed,, got the anchor on the bow & stowd the cable,, wet hold,, broke out water,, &c bent the spanker on,, sunset took in sail & set a quarter watch Lat 22,,12 Lon 112,,40

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23rd,, Friday cloudy with half a gale from S S E, daylight kept her off N under double reefed top sails,, &c set main top g sail,, repaired the clock,, saw nothing Lat 26,00 Lon 111 26,,

24th,, Saturday clear with a very strong breeze from S S E, ship under double reefed topsails steering N saw flying fish sun fish & one diamond fish busy scrimshawing,, &c washed off ship,, 33 months out to day & time is flying fast & no oil is coming,, Lat at noon 26,51,,

25th,, Sunday fine weather with a fresh breeze from S E,, ship under double reefed top sails steering N W,, &c main top g sail set going N,, saw some skip jacks & flying fish under the bow,, but nothing larger,, thus another sunday has past & we are no near heaven Lat 25,,51 Lon 11126 .

On the West Coast Of New Holland

April 26th Monday fine weather with a fresh breeze from S,E main top G sail set steering N W, sent down the main top-sail & bent the other old one,, each quite busy at small jobs ,, saw plenty of flying fish & one sulphur bottom ,, things look about the same as usual ,, the water very clear Lat 26,,08, Lon 110,44 at 3 oclock & 45 min

27th Tuesday fine weather with a fresh breeze from S E, main top G sail set steering N & N W & N,, busy as usual,, broke out the stowage for a barrel of tar,, saw plenty of flying fish,, day ends very fine indeed Lat 24,18 Lon 110,,04 ,,

28th Wednesday beautifull weather with a whole sail breeze from S every thing set steering N,, A M very busy at work in the rigging,, P M cleaned out the scuttle butt,, broke out water, wet hold,, saw albacore 2 finbacks,, & some signs of ships being in the vicinity sunset took in sail Lat 23,,50 Lon 109,,36

29th Thursday fine weather with a good breeze
187 from S main top G sail set,, on the
gamms L tack most of the day,, busy at work in the rigging broke out flour bread & meat saw one finback P M spoke & gammed with the clipper barque Sunbeam of New Bedford Capt Cromwell 21 months out 800 bls Sperm oil,, had seen no whales for 3 months,, could not sail with the S Captn a weak man

Swift & Perry

Cruising For Sperm Oil

April Last — Friday beautiful weather with a fine breeze from S E, A M ship under double reefed topsails steering N W,, P M main top G sail out going W N W busy in the rigging Lat 23,30 Lon 108,,08 so goes April, & no oil

May 1 — Saturday very fine with a moderate breeze from S E, all sail set steering to the N & west,, busy at work in the rigging & making spunyarn saw finbacks,, 4 oclock raised a sail to leeward whaling,, run for her & spoke her at 5 oclock P M,, found her to be the Abigail of New Bedford Capt smith 21 months out 400 whale,, 120 sperm had seen plenty of whales on this ground & had been chasing all the afternoon had a great quantity of hard luck expected to see whales tomorrow & several times during the week,, hope he will
Lat 23,,18 Lon 107,,37,,

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gammes,

2d — Sunday begins fine with light airs from S,, after breakfast saw the A 5 miles off whaling soon after saw sperm whales lowered 4 boats & chased them till one oclock with out success,, the A got one,, P M a strong breeze sprung up from S S W, & the whales went to windward chased with the ship, under easy sail, with the Capt in his berth,, & ought to be tied there,, at 4 P M saw a whale in the lee bow coming to windward, backed the main topsail & got ready to lower, but saw the fish no more,, caught a skipjack

On the West Coast of New Holland

May 3rd 55 Monday cloudy weather with a strong breeze from S S W, most of the day under whole top sails working to windward saw the Abigail under our lee,, under short sail,, plenty of skip jacks & albacore round the bow,, sunset put her under double reefed top sails & storm sails

4th Tuesday cloudy weather with a strong breeze from S S W, ship under reefed topsails working to windward,, broke out molasses & meat,, caught one skip jack saw one sail & 3 sulphur bottoms, day ends rugged Lat 23,,27 Lon 107,,50

5th 55 Wednesday good weather with a good breeze from S all sail set working to windward,, saw 3 sail,, broke out water & wet hold P M gammed with the ship swallow ,, had seen nothing since we last saw her Lat 23,,32 Lon 107,,26,,

189 gams

6th 55 Thursday very fine with a good breeze from South, all sail set on the S tack all day busy at all kinds of work saw 4 sail, P M gammed with the ship congress of New Bedford 15 months out 1300 bls in all, 200 sperm Capt Hamblin in good spirits had given all our letters to the James Allen
Lat 23,,50 Lon 107,,59

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

May 7th 55 Friday beautifull weather with a good breeze from S & E, all sail set working to windward,, busy as usual saw 2 sail,, 2 skip jacks one finback & one bird,, Oh Hard times come again no more,

8th 55 Saturday cloudy & squally weather with a whole sail breeze from S E working to windward,, cleaned the mincing machine & stowed it below having no farther use for it,, saw a few skip jacks,, deck washed off clean,, sunset,, left double reefed topsails foresail jib spanker & spencers set on the S tack Lat 24,,24 Lon 106,,34

9th ,, Sunday beautifull weather,, day begins calm,, middle & latter part good breeze from S W all sail set cruising in all directions,, saw finbacks, porpoises skip jacks, humpers & large breeches,, deck saw 2 sail, one to leeward whaling, ran off & found her to be the Barque John A Robb of Fairhaven Capt Baker,, cutting a sulphur bottom that they had shot with a bomb lance,, she is 6 months from home with 2,,50 bbls,, had seen plenty of sperm whales 6 times the last 3 weeks, lost one last night spouting blood,, Capt S went on board & stopped,, I cant say how long he will stop,, I hope the rest of this voyage good — no Longitude
Lat 24,,14

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On the West Coast Of Australia

May
10th 55 Monday very fine with a fine breeze
from S E working to windward in
company with the John A Robb,, Capt
191 on board all night,, having a bloody gam
gamms, saw sulpher bottoms & skip jacks
Sh got 10 bushels of beans from
the J R,, 11 oclock Capt came on board
with a new clock Lat 24,,50 Lon 107,,47

11th 55 Tuesday fine weather with moderate breez
from S S E all sail set on the S tack
saw sulpher bottoms,, the J A R in sight,
boiling Sh saw another sail,,

12th 55 Wednesday very fine with a moderate
breeze from S E all sail set working
to windward,, very busy making
rattlin stuff,, saw sulpher bottoms
6 sail in sight,, signalized the
Kathaleen,, Lat 24,,10 Lon 107,,11

13th 55 Thursday fine weather with a good
breeze from S W Sh steering E
with all sail set,, saw 6 sail &
plenty of fin backs Sh lowered
3 boats for a large shoal of large
192 black fish,, lanced a fin back,,
gamms gammed with the Kathaleen Abigail
Capt Eagle,, saw the Martha & John A
& Robb in company had caught a large
Mate whale the day before, the Abigail had
4 seen whales to day the E had seen
ships them 7 times,, got 3 small ones, the
6 K had seen plenty & got 2 small
ships ones, so it goes, all but us
no whales yet Lat 24 Lon 107

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

May 14th/55 Friday blowing a gale of wind from S S W A M under 2 double reefed top sails steering E,, saw 2 sail, P M close reefed & set the fore sail, doing nothing but mourn over our hard fate prospects darken,, still we live, without thanking God for his mercies, Lat 25 Lon 07,,55

15th/55 Saturday cloudy with strong breezes from S S W & very rugged, ship under double reefed topsails & foresail tack & tack,, saw dolphin, broke out meat molasses,, & pickeled onions Lat 24,03 Lon 106,23

16th/55 Sunday cloudy weather with a strong breeze from S S W, ship under double reefed topsails & foresail saw 2 small birds & one skip jack all hopes are fled,, & dont expect to see any more whales Lat 24,06 106,06

17th/55 Monday good weather with a strong breeze from S S W & rugged A M main top G sail set P M under whole topsails working to windward set up main & mizzen rigging & made some rattlin stuff saw finbacks & skip jacks,, 3 sail in sight gamed with the ship Stephania of New Bedford Capt Fisher 10 months from home 600 whale 400 sperm, Capt F s wife on board,, got letters from home but none for me Lat 24 22 Lon 109,32

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On the West Coast of Australia

May 18th 55 Tuesday very fine indeed with a moderate breeze from S S E all sail set on the L tack,, busy setting up rigging & making rattin stuff,, put a new streak in the Starboard boat,, saw 2 sail,, some finbacks & Skip jacks,, Lat 24 23 Lon 109,,39,,

19th 55 Wednesday very fine with light airs from S E, all sail set steering to the N W fitted the bands on main yard,, set up main stay, & made 35 fathoms of rattin stuff,, saw 2 sail,, a few small fish & a shoal of porpoises,, prospects no brighter Lat 24,,23 Lon 109,00,,

20th 55 Thursday beautifull weather with light breezes from S E,, all sail set steering to the N W, saw 5 sail,, busy sailoring reading & loafing,, plenty of finbacks & skip jacks,,, gamed with the ship Richard Mitchel of Edgartown,, 18 months out Capt Huxford 200 sperm 1300 whale wanted to send his bone home by us, & he got a lunar,, got a Luna Lat 24,23,, 107 51

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21st Friday very fine with light breezes from S E all sail set steering every way busy sailoring,, saw plenty of finbacks & skip jacks, saw 5 sail, but no body whaling,, Lat 24,00 Lon 107,23

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil On

May
22nd Saturday splendid weather with light
breezes from S E, all sail set running
in all directions, saw plenty of finbacks
& skip jacks,, 3 sail in sight, gamming
all day with the Barque Belle of
Warren,, Capt Smith 2 years out 800
sperm,, P M washed off decks
Lat 23,,20 Lon 107,,29,,

23rd Sunday cloudy squally & rainy, with
light baffling winds all sail set
getting nowhere,, saw finbacks skip
jacks, one sail in sight,, P M saw
porpoises,, got no observations,,

24th Monday good weather with a fresh
breeze from S ship under whole topsails
working to windward,, repaired L boat
saw one fin backs & some flying fish
prospects look no brighter,, the same
old story

25th Tuesday thick weather with a very
strong breeze from S E ship under
double reefed topsails & foresail jib
& spanker,, on the L tack all day
saw finbacks,, made a rat trap
& prayed for luck,, Lat 23,,38
got no observations P M,, so
goes another dreary day ——

The Coast Of New Holland

May 26th Wednesday begins raining with a strong breeze from E ship under close reefed topsails & spencers on the S tack,, raining all day,, caught 2 casks of water,, P.M. wind hauled out to S W ward, ship got no observasions,, did nothing

27th Thursday. Blowing half a gale from the W with squalls, ship under close reefed topsails & foresail, 2 hours stood to the S E, the rest of the day on the S tack saw finbacks & one ship supposed to be the Lap Wing,, broke out meat water Coffee & wet holds,, set up bob stays
Lat 24,40,, Lon 107,13

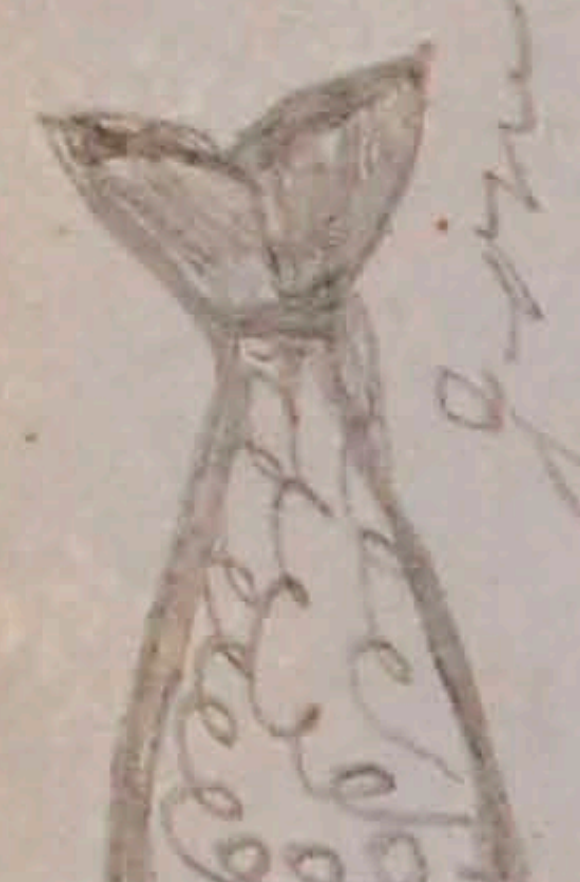
28th Friday good weather with a very heavy swell from S W & light breeze
195 from same quarter all sail set working
gammes to windward A.M. spoke the Ship Lap Wing,, P.M. gammed with her
got She was 24 months out 900 whale
the 700 sperm had seen plenty of
Capt's whales,, saw finbacks,, the L
dog reported the loss of the ship Alexander in

29th Saturday fine weather with light airs from E,, all sail set working slowly to the N,, saw nothing,, sent down the foresail repaired it & bent it lat 23,45 Lon 106,06 P.M. washed of the Barque Paafe

Cruising For Sperm Whales

May 30th 55 Sunday cloudy with a fine breeze from S E all sail set steering to the N E & N, passed the Eagle steering to the W, saw one bird & struck one shark,, every body down in the mouth,, Lat 23,05, 107,28

Last Monday cloudy with light breezes from N E,, E,, & S E,, 10 oclock with all sail out steering N,, raised a shoal of sperm whales bearing N N E,, 5 miles distant,, as the ship was going slowly we lowered away 4 boats & chased till they were out of sight & gave it up,, saw finbacks,, grampuses sun fish albacore & a shark,, ground getting quite lively Lat. 22,50 Lon 107,40



June first Tuesday beautifull weather with light baffling winds all sail set working slowly to the N,, busy sailoring, set up fore stay,, & got up a new main royal stay,, saw nothing, one more day without seeing whales & we shall Despair,, Lat 22,30 Lon 107,37

Sec Wednesday very fine with a light breeze from W all sail set working to windward,, broke out bread & flour,, did some work in the rigging,, saw a sulpher bottom that turned flukes,, saw a merchantman steering N, had double top sails signalized him, was a yankee, Lat 22,20 Lon 107,26,,30

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Off the West Coast Of New Holland

Janu 3rd/55 Thursday very squally,, with light baffling winds & calms,, all sail set drifting about,, sent down the main top G sail & cut it over & bent it,, P.M. tooke out molasses, water & out hold,, saw one sulpher bottom porpoises & a large albacore,, got no Observations,, 4 oclock washed off decks,, plenty of rain

4 th/55 Friday a few small rain squalls but quite good weather with a moderate breeze from S E all sail set steering W & N W,, bent a foretopmast studdingsail & set it, busy at all kinds of work,, saw one sulpher bottom & a few skipjacks P M washed of decks,, Lat 22,,13 Lon 106,,20,,

5 th/55 Saturday good weather with a fine breeze from S S E A M steering West W with main top G sail set,, busy sailoring saw porpoises sunfish & fin backs, P M luffed to the wind on S tack,, had to come down to double reefed topsails raised sperm whales but proved to be sulpher bottoms washed of decks Lat 21,,55 Lon 104,,54,,

6 th/55 Sunday squally with a strong breeze from S E,, daylight set whole topsails but soon had to reef down,, 9 oclock raised a sperm whale lowered 3 boats but saw nothing that looked any more like a sperm whale than a sulpher bottom & plenty of them saw sun fish & a merchant man,, thus we have disobeyed Gods commands again & have gained nothing Lat 22,12 104,,40

Cruising For Sperm Whales

June 7th/55 Monday cloudy & squally with a strong S E wind,, ship under double reefed top sails & courses tack & tack,, saw porpoises struck one but lost him,, so another day ends & we are no better off than we were 5 months ago,, how much longer is this going to last

8th/55 Tuesday cloudy & squally with a strong breeze from S E,, ship under double reefed topsails, foresail & part of the day mainsail, on the S tack split the jib, sent it in & ripped it to pieces,, saw a few birds & some flying fish Lat 22,25,, 104,48,,

9th/55 Wednesday cloudy with a strong breeze from S E,, ship under double reefed topsails & courses,, broke out the tank for a new jib & bent it broke out water wet hold & washed ship,, saw one fin back,, day ends as usual Lat 24,00 Lon 104,31,,

10th/55 Thursday fine weather with moderate breeze from E S E all sail set standing to the S,, very busy making a fore topsail out of an old main topsail saw one fin back,, killed one more rat which makes 14,, sunset stept double reefed topsails & courses set to get to the S S E, day ends like a great many others Lat 25,35 Lon 104,08

On the Coast of New Holland

June 11th 55 Friday good weather with calms & light airs,, mended main & maintopsails on the yards,, finished our foretopsail & stowed it away,, saw one small fish got no observations,, such is our fate

12th 55 Saturday good weather with a strong breeze from S all sail set steering E,, saw plenty of fin backs & sulphur bottoms,, rafted the medicine chest,, &c,, washed off ship,, Lat 25,,55,, Lon 106,,02,,

13th 55 Sunday good weather with a fresh breeze from E by S E, all sail set standing to the N E,, saw plenty of finbacks & sulphur bottoms,, breaching spouting & turning flukes Lat 25,,12 Lon 107,,21,, so ends another week,, & the prospects are no brighter

14th 55 Monday thick & smokey with a fresh breeze from E S E,, main top G sail set standing to the N E,, busy sailoring saw finbacks,, as usual,, but no sperm Lat 23 48,, Lon 107 43,, so ends this day

15th 55 Tuesday good weather with a fresh breeze from E,, main top G sail set cruising ,, busy sailoring,, put preventers on the flying jib guys,, saw plenty of finbacks, 2 birds,, dont expect to see any more sperm whales this voyage Lat 23,,30 Lon 107,,26

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

June 16th/55 Wednesday good weather with a fine
breeze from E to S all sail set
steering from S E to N E,, busy at all
kinds of work,, broke out water & wet
hold,, saw finbacks,, got a lunar
Lat 24,,20 Lon 108,,09 by Chro & Luna very g

17th/55 Thursday smoky with a strong
breeze from S W,, part of the day
under double reefed topsails & part
of the day main top G sail, raised
1 sail,, P A H signalized the the
196 Congress & Europa,,, spoke the C
gammes & Capt H came on board,, had
taken 300 bls since we saw him
every body had seen whales the
Eagle 10 times & got 60 bls, the Europa
100,, split our main topsail, sent
it down & repaired it & bent it,,
made all sail P M to catch the E
day ends gamming with the E & C
saw the sunbeam to leeward
ran off N & N E most of the day
saw finbacks, Lat 24,,12 Lon 109,,19

18th/55 Friday good weather with a fine
breeze from S, main top G sail
197 set cruiseing,, main topsail sheet
gammes parted,, busy sailoring,, saw finbacks
1 sail in sight,, got a Lunar
P M gamed with the Columbus 40
months out 100 sperm "00 whale
Lat 23,,32 Lon 109,,20

June 19th/55

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gammes

20th/55

199
gammes

21st/55

200th
gammes

22nd/55

201
gammes

this is gamming 6 days in succession

On the West Coast of New Holland

June
19th/55 Saturday fine weather with a fine breeze
from E all sail working to windward
198 broke out the after hold & stowed some
gammed ground tier casks with salt water,, started
meat & molasses,, saw 7 sail & gammed
with the Europa & columbus till midnight

20th/55 Sunday beautifull weather with a fine
breeze from E.,, all sail set cruising
199 saw finbacks & jumpers,, in company
gammed with the Europa & gammed with her
Lat 23,45,, Lon 109,37,, & so we pass away
a life time

21st/55 Monday cloudy & squally with a fresh
breeze from E, main top G sail, steering
200th from N to S, in company with the E
gammed 3 other sail in sight,, saw the E speak
the ship Stephania,, sunset ran down
to the E, & spoke her,, had a gamm

22nd/55 Tuesday good weather with light breezes
from N E,, all sail set working slowly
to the S,, busy setting up head rigging
201 & other small stf,, lowered 3 boats for
gammed blackfish,, without success 4 sail in
sight,, saw ship jacks,, gammed with
this the oriole,, had seen whales 6 times
is this season,, been fast to 2 & got one
gamming 40 bl whale, We dont expect to
6 see sperm whales again this season
days & I want to go home,,
in Lat 23,50, Lon 108,26,,
succession

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil, On the

June 23rd Wednesday begins squally with good breeze from NE, set main top G sail, on the E tack,, 10 oclock A.M wind hauled out to SW & rained & blowd like fun,, came down to a close reefed main topsail & caught 3 casks, of water,, saw fin backs porpoises & 2 sail,, got no observasions, officers standing boatsteer watches,, so ends another day,,

24th/55 Thursday cloudy rainey squally bad weather from all points of the compass made all sail & came down to double reefed topsails 2 different times,, saw finbacks,, & 4 sail,, signalized the ship Abagail,, P.M broke out water & wet hold,, Lat 24,,30 Lon 108,,40

35 months from home,

25th/55 Friday squally weather,, with strong breezes from SW to SE,, from all sail down to double reefed topsails & foresail,, busy tinkering, saw finbacks,, 3 sail in sight,, P.M spoke the Europa she was gamming with the Congress Lat 24,,38 Lon 108,,54.

26th/55 Saturday squally with a fresh breeze from S,, part of the day main top G sail set,, & part double reefed topsails working to windward most of the day saw fin backs, & skip jacks, one sail in sight,, busy as usual, P.M washed ship,, Lat 24,,02 Lon 109,,12,, so ends another week,, may the next be a prosperous one,, tis midnight & all is still, but the heavy feet of C A

West-Coast Of New Holland

June 27th 55 Sunday fine weather with a fine breze
from S,, all sail set on the L tack,, saw
202 fin backs,, P M gammed with the Europa
gammed Lat 24,,00 Lon 108,,45,, so ends another
Sabbath,, so we have spent many

28th 55 Monday very fine indeed with a fine
breze from S S E, all sail set on the
L tack,, set up fore topmast rigging
broke out bread & flour,, found two casks
of poor bread,, started a new pipe,
sent down the foretopsail & bent another
rolled up the old one,, saw finbacks
Europa in company,,

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29th 55 Tuesday very fine with light breezes
from S,, all sail set on the S tack,,
saw sulpher bottoms & finbacks,, lowered
203 for sulpher bottoms & blackfish,, one boat,,
gammed broke out all the new sails,, mended
& bent the new main topsail,, stowed
the old one away,, P M gammed
with the ship Europa,, gave her
a cask of poor bread for pigs, sunset
left out whole topsails Lat 24 55,, 107,, 57

30th 55 Wednesday fine,, A M dead calm,, busy
as usual,, broke out meat,, saw one fin
back,, Capt F came on board,, P M got a
204 light breze from N,, stood to the S E with
gammed all,, sail set,, sunset increased to a fresh
breze & hauled to the W,, going S E by S
standing whole watches,, in company with
the Europa,, had some squalls,,
got no observations

Swift & Perry

Steering To the South East

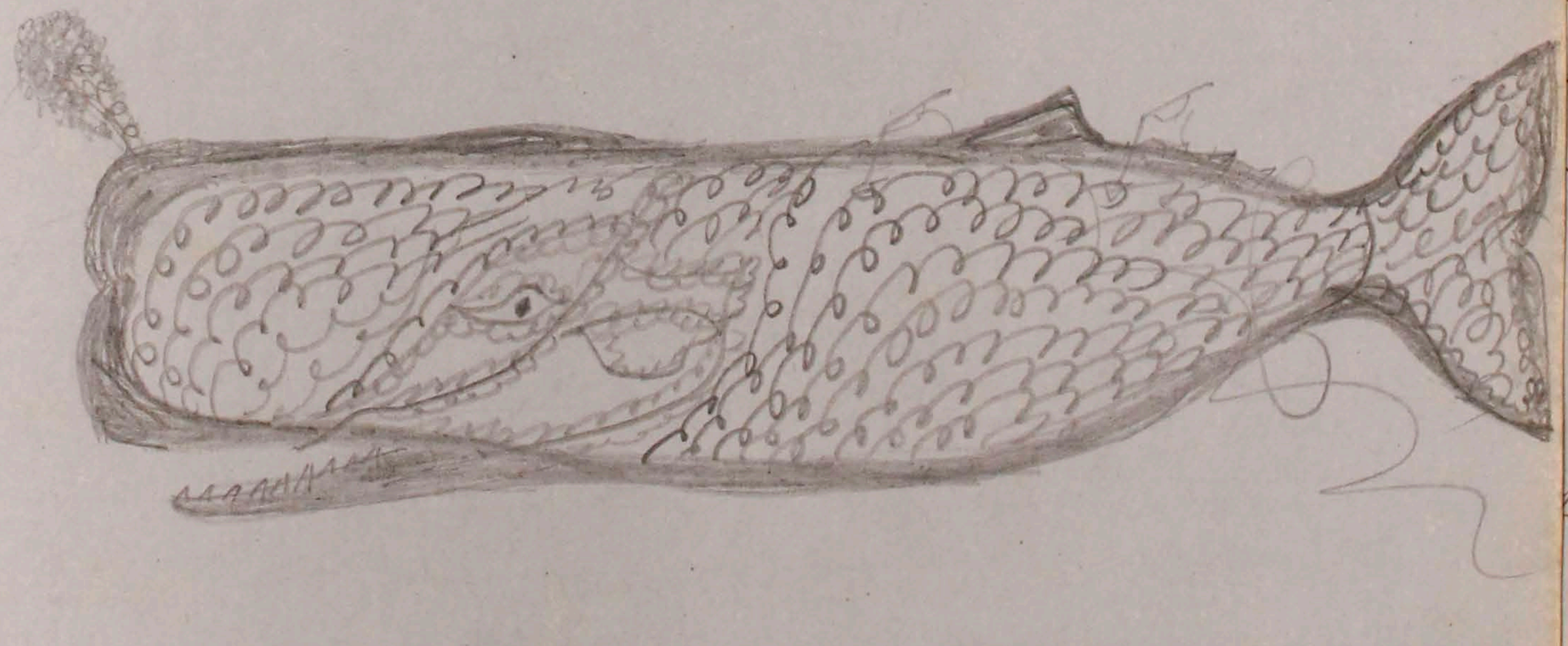
July first Thursday blowing strong from W with some squalls Steering S S E under double reefed topsails most of the time,, weather main topsail sheet parted with the sail set whole,, came very near loosing the yard,, broke out water from the tank,, & set hold Sunset mainsail & jib set steering the same,, saw plenty of finbacks,, Europa in company,, standing whole watches,, Lat 26,35, Lon 110,,00

Sec Friday blowing a gale from N W,, to S W,, with very heavy squalls,, 8 o'clock A M luffed to the wind under close reefed topsails, on the S tack,, part of the day hove too under close reefed main topsail,, rove preventer brace to main topsail yard,, Europa in Co; exchanged longitudes with her,, standing whole watches Lat 28,12 Lon 111,,00

Third Saturday squally,, with a strong breeze from S. Ship under double reefed topsails & courses on the E, all day Europa in Company & the E taking the lead,, .. saw nothing,, Both washed all decks,, sunset ran down & spoke the E,, Capt F had a pig to the mizzen peak ready for the 4th,, wore ship & heading to the S W,, . Standing ~~to~~ whole watches, trying to get to the Westward against a head wind & strong current Lat 28,,00 Lon 112 45 by Lunar 7 miles west

To The Abrolas Rocks & Shoals

July 4th 55 Sunday the glorious fourth begins with good weather,, with a strong breeze from S S E, all sail set on the S tack,, Empo in company,, mince pies fore and aft & Capt S was going on board the E to eat roast pig,, but about 8 A M raised sperm whales going S,, the S the lee ship, & the whales going to windward & right ahead of us,, lowered away 4 boats from each ship,, & Capt S hoisted his ensign & was answered by Capt F, the mate the [illegible] S boat struck & we turned him up in 15 minutes the other boats chased to windward,, took our whale along side & cut him in on S tack, finished at dark,, 5 hours,, lost sight of the E chasing to windward, I hope she will get one but doubt it much,, got supper & set by watches, getting ready for boiling,, thus have we spent another sabbath,, & another 4th of July. Lat 28,, 00 Lon 111.. 00



Cruising For Sperm Whales,, N.W. of The

July 5th 55 Monday squally weather with a fresh breeze from S.E., under double reefed topsails & foresail boiling the body,, cleard away the case & washed off,, all hands on deck saw plenty of finbacks,, P.M. raised the E running down to us,, at dark she shortened sail & luffed too a mile to windward of us, set the watch on the S tack Lat 28,12 Lon 110,,21,,

6th 55 Tuesday squally with a strong breeze from S.E.,, Ship under double reefed topsails & foresail on the S tack,, finished boiling the body & commenced on the head,, saw fin backs & skip jacks,, lost sight of the Europa Lat 28,,25,, Lon 107,,45

7th 55 Wednesday fine weather with light breezes from E,, all sail set tack & tack,, cooled down at 2 oclock A.M.,, cleard up decks & washed off saw finbacks hump backs sulpher bottoms & flying fish,, whale turned up 68 bls Standing sea watches Lat 29,,10,, Lon 107,,38

8th 55 Thursday squally with a fresh breeze from S.W. A.M. every thing set steering to the E,, & sharp for the Europa,, broke out the tank for the New foresail,, bent it & rove new rigging,, stowed the old one below,, put some chafeing gear on the browsers,, P.M. luffed to the wind on the S tack,, & came down to double reefed topsails,, broke out after hold for molasses & water,, fore hold for beans & main to wet hold,, saw fin backs & hump backs Lat 29,12 Lon 110,49,,

Abrolas Shoals,, Bound There

July 9th/55 Friday good weather with a strong breeze from S.E. Ship under double reefed topsails,, standing to the Southward,, saw finbacks,, P.M. stowed our oil between decks,, 68 bbls, washed off decks,, want to get to the Abrolas but the wind heads us Lat 29,,30 Longitude 111,,38, (East),

10th/55 Saturday cloudy weather with a fresh breeze from S.E.,, part of the day under double reefed topsails & foresail,, & part main top G sail set working to windward,, busy at all kinds of work,, saw finbacks,, P.M. washed ship,, Lat 30,,20 Lon 112,,04,,

11th/55 Sunday begins with a gale from S. Lying too under storm sails,, saw humpbacks had plenty of rain,, P.M. wind hauled out W., & blowed with heavy squalls,, under close reefed main topsail & spencers,, tack & tack day ends the same, split,, Staysail

12th/55 Monday begins blowing a gale from W.S.W., Lying to under storm sails,, 10 o'clock A.M. moderated,, made sail, P.M. set double reefed topsails & courses,, broke out meat,, put new lanyard to jib guy,, saw finbacks,, stood N 2 hours & then luffed too on the S tack,, breeze still fresh from W S W,, waiting for good weather to get to the Abrolas,, are getting a little impatient, Lat 29,,40 Lon 113,,40

Swift & Perry

Rideing Out Gales And Heavy Squalls

July 13th/55 Tuesday Squally & blowing from W S W,, ship under double reefed topsails & foresail,, trying to hold on,, watch employed in sawing up a whales jaw,, latter part of the day blowing from the S W,, with very heavy rain squalls & plenty of wind,, close reefed the topsails & furled the foresail,, saw fin backs as usual Lat 29,,30 Lon 113,,04

14th/55 Wednesday Cloudy weather with fresh breeze from S ship under double reefed topsails on the S tack after breakfast raised an English merchant barque standing to the W,, soon after raised the Europa ahead coming towards us,, as she came near we saw she had no boats on the larboard side,, Capt, & went on board & gammed found that in the gale of Sunday she had lost larboard boat & stove waist & bow, had them in to repair,, yesterday had got inside of long island,, got badly frightened,, & had been carrying sail hard all night,, saw fin backs,, stood to the E till dark & then put her on the other tack, Lat 29,,20,, Lon 113,,26

205 gammes

15th/55 Thursday begins with fine weather & moderate breeze from S E,, daylight made all sail & kept her N E 9 oclock raised turtle dove,, kept her off it,, this reef was breaking had not been known to for 16 years 11 oclock raised long Island,, Europa in Co Both wet hold broke out water, got up cables & the anchors off the bow, at dark luffed to [illegible] the Abreolas & the main hummock S E bearing N by W 8 miles,, saw a topsail schooner bound S,, lying off & on through the night,, whole topsails jib & spanker,

one fin back

Capt F came on board

206 gammes

fresh breeze

Lying At Anchor In the Abrolhos

July 16th 55 Friday begins very fine with a fresh breeze from E, daylight made all sail & kept her off for hummock island Europa in our wake,, passed the island at 9 oclock,, steered for middle island,, & after running through lots of coral patches,, one within 12 feet of the ship,, we came to anchor in 5½ fathoms water, Europa did the same,, reefs & shoals all round us,, sent down all our light sails,, top G masts & yards, housed mizzen top mast,, & stowed all the rigging away went on board the E, hove up her anchor 2 different times & kedged her away from the reef,, washed off decks got supper & set quarter watches,, saw cow fish

17th 55 Saturday smokey weather with a strong breeze from E.,, after breakfast,, unbent all the sails but spanker main spencer & fore stay sail,, & stowed them in the fore hold painted 2 boats on the house & bow boat green oiled our rigging in the tops,, the Europa sent down topsails yards & fore topmast,, P M 2 boats went a fishing got one snapper & 2 seal, saw no hump backs,, so ends another day

18th 55 Sunday fine weather with moderate breezes from E,, 2 boats crews from each ship went over to long island carried one boat across the narrow spot & went a fishing got 300 lbs,, of fish one seal,, saw cow fish,, but no hump backs,, so ends another day, & the first Sabbath,,

Swift & Perry

Lying In the Abbrolas At Middle

July 19th A gale of wind & smooth water,, Monday begins blowing a gale of wind from S.,, after breakfast it blowd very heavy had 2 anchors down 25 fathoms & 40 on the windlass,, sent down topsail yards Europa nothing standing above lower masts but main topmast & main yard,, had a wach below,, 10 A M,, wind hauled out to W. & W S W.,, & blowd heavy,, so ends another day,, standing quarter waches

20th Tuesday very fine indeed A M very busy at all kinds of work,, painted ship on larboard side up to white streak put top sail on forecastle, P M washed off decks some of the boats went looking for shells some a gamming,, shot some fowl & got some shell fish,, some flowers, 4 oclock hove up larboard anchor, found it foul cleard it & took it to cat head,, still standing quarter waches,, so ends another day

21st Wednesday squally weather with a moderate ~~gale~~ from N W,, A M lying at one anchor,, capt a gamming,, busy tinkering one wach below,, P M dropped the other anchor,, day ends blowing fresh,,

22nd Thursday strong breezes & squally,, lying at both anchors.. one wach below, broke out water & wet hold,, one boat went fishing but caught none,, the skippers & mates gamming day ends,, wind from S W,, Island,, Waiting for Humpbacks

July
23rd/55 Friday good weather with a fresh breeze from S S E,, daylight hove up larboard anchor,, after breakfast the 2 starboard boats, from each ship with the capts,, went out on a cruise,, caught a few fish but saw no humpbacks,, cleared the end of the starboard cable oiled it & put all but 60 fathoms below,, the 3rd mate of the E cut himself quite bad with a lance our doctor went on board & dressed the wound,, P M painted waist boat,, day ends strong breezes & good weather from S E,, barometer very high,, so we live

24th/55 Saturday good weather A M, light airs from all quarters,, painted bends starboard side main yard black,, had one gang on long island cutting wood,, mate gone to hummock island fishing,, hove up our anchor & cleared it,, got out a kedge & moved her 5 fathoms N W,, house bearing W, 1/2 of a mile,, P M washed off ship,, boat from long Id, came with 300 small birds to eat,, got supper one boat went to the Island to spend the night after rabbits,, sunset strong breezes from S W,, crew employed picking fowl dark mate not come yet,, 16 fish

25th/55 Sunday strong breezes from S S E, one of the boats gone sailing,, the rest turned in,, A M,, hove up the L anchor & catted it sunset hove in on the big chain, & let it go again,, evening gamming so ends another sunday

Lying At the Abrolhos At Anchor

26th of July 55 Monday fine weather with a fresh breeze from S E,, busy at all kinds of work painted L boat,, & fore yard,, Capt lowered to catch some fish but did not get any sold the Europa the spare boat; broke out molasses,, got the clinker down from overhead & put her overboard,, to get wood in,, so ends another day,, & no whales,,

27th 55 saw hump backs Tuesday very fine with fresh breezes from E to S,, got breakfast at daylight & 2 boats from each ship went outside on a cruise,, the rest of our crew employed scraping cable & oiling it washing ship & other jobs to numerous to mention,, boats landed on one of the mangrove islands built a lookout of coral, & then went off in the boats,, saw several humpbacks but did not try to strike because they were not settled,, saw the whales from the ship & set the signal to come on board,, did not see them,, went out as far as hummocks is, & did not get back till dark

Humps

28th 55 saw no hump backs,, Wednesday very fine with a fresh breeze from S E,, broke all between decks,, carried all our empty pipes on shore hoisted out the sperm oil,, 68,, bls,, broke out both sides of the fore hold,, started 60 bls of salt water,, & stowed 45 bls of oil on the larboard side,, had to start the try works, & heat the oil to make it run, broke out the after hold for our tierce of sperm,, Capt seems to be trying to find work for us tackles on three hatches at dark,, got up the blacksmiths forge,, started flour bread water & a cask of coal

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Waiting For Hump Backs To Come

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between deck,, made out 62 bls,, & we
dropped cleaned up decks, & washed off decks
the one boat went out side fishing,, got 300
anchor lbs of fish,, & 3 seal,, brought one
young one on board alive so ends another day

30th/55 "Friday begins with good weather & fine
breeze,, from N.W.,, Capt S expected a
blow, hove in & dropped both anchors tog-
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sails, blacksmithing carpentering,,
& coopering, very busy as usual,, had
a westr blow,,, sunset weather very
fine, saw no humpbacks)

31st/55 Saturday very fine indeed, with a light
breeze from the W.,, Sent boat from each
ship went over to rat island on a cruise
got 100 eggs,, but saw no hump backs
hove up one anchor,, got the black
smith of the Europa & repaired the
main top & mizen top G. struts,, 2 boats
lowered to row,, & we washed ship,, saw
a shoal of killers

Aug
first Sunday squally with light airs from all
quarters 2 boats went to long island got
500 birds 2 buckets of eggs,, one boat went
hump on the outer reef got some shells oysters
back & crabs,, caught some small fish on
board,, saw one humpback,, so
ends the first day of august,,

Swift & Perry

Lying At the Abrolhas Shoals

Aug 2nd Monday good weather with fresh breezes from W S W,, all the boats on board,, had the Europa blacksmith at work for us,, broke the new sails out of the tank & put them in the fore hold,, gave Capt P,, a gaff topsail,, rigging the E into a barque,, sent down the main spencer & ripped it up,, repaired the other & bent it,, got tackles up over the main & after hatches ready to break out,, saw nothing but cow fish,, sunset blowed quite fresh hove in chain & let go the other anchor,, wind hauled out S E,, so ends another day

Mate squally with the Portigue

Hope, is,, fleeing fast

third Tuesday beautifull weather with a fine breeze from S S E,, sent our 2 boats to long island after wood,, & one boat from each ship down to the man groves cruising for whales but saw none, caught some fish & got some gulls eggs,, broke every thing out of the after hold & put the water between decks,, found 45 bls of meat, 3 casks of flour,, & no molasses, stowed back, & got through at dark & thus we finish another day,,

4th 55 Wednesday begins with rain squalls & baffling winds,, daylight 3 boats went to long island & got 2 boat loads of wood & stowed it between decks,, one boats crew at cutting,, P.M. hove up the L anchor & took it to the cat head,, sunset fresh breeze from S W hove short & let the anchor go again & gave her chain,, saw no whales,, so another day ends & finds us lying at the abrolhas

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Waiting Patiently For Hump Backs

Aug 5th/55 Thursday good weather with fresh breezes from S W 2 boats cruising the rest employed making a fore topsail out of an old main Topsl made a gross mistake as usual, painted the ends of the gaffs & spanker boom, boats caught 3 seal, so ends another day

ends of the jib booms black

6th/55 Friday showery, finished the topsail cleared out the after tank for wood did some blacksmithing, painted the topsail yards, & ck had a quantity of rain & a wash below, finished the day as usual, in gamming

7th/55 Saturday squally weather from all quarters one boat went outside fishing part our crew & part the Europa, took up one anchor, painted the heads of the top & topg masts & crosstrees, & ck waited ships sunset one boat went to long island, with some of each crew the fishing boat got a few fish & 25 doz gulls eggs, weather looking bad

8th/55 sunday begins blowing a gale of wind from S W, boat could not get on board had to stop 2 nights, blowed them boat up into the middle of the island but did not stave her had to lash her down, blowed the house down on middle island, the S lying by one anchor & the other under foot, Cap & went on board the E lashed the boat with a tow line blowing like fun but the ships all right

very unsafe for the wind

Swift & Perry

Lying At the Abrohlas Shoals

Aug 9th 55 Monday Squally,, with fresh breezes from S., boat got back from the island with 300 birds & some rabbits,, had a watch below P.M.,, a boat went to long island & got a lot of rabbits,, hove up one anchor & let it go again,, so ends this day

10th 55 Tuesday good weather with a fresh breeze from E., daylight got breakfast hove up the Lr anchor,, & 4 boats went after wood got back at dinner time,, filled up the forehead tank,, with, & stowd the rest in fore peak did some painting,, P.M.,, cut new main royal rigging & fitted it,, filled up the after tank with salt water,, to stow in the after hold,, sent up mizzen topmast,, set up back stays & fore & aft stays,, scraped & varnished the top g mast,, washed off decks,, & so made out the day,, good days work,,

11th 55 Wednesday clear weather with a very strong breeze from the S.. let go the second anchor,, broke out all the after hold,, both sides, & stowd 152 bbls of salt water,, wet hold, started bread scraped top g masts & varnished the royal masts washed ship,, one boat went to the mangroves & got 15 doz eggs,, so ends another day,,

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Lying At The Abrolhos Shoals

Aug 12th 55 Thursday one heavy rain squall,, the rest of the day good weather, & baffling winds 2 boats from each ship out side cruising the rest of the crew employed fitting rigging painting, sent down spanker gaff, scraped painted & slushed, it, & tarred the rigging both the 2 skippers went to long island after rabbits, got 5 old ones & some young ones,, one boat caught a few fish & so we shall wind up another day,,

13th 55 Friday beautifull weather with light baffling winds,, hove up one anchor foul round the other cable,, cleared & took it to the cat head,, went 4 miles,, & got 4 boat loads, of wood large ones, filled up the after tanks & stowed the rest in the fore hold,, sent up topsail yards,, & top G mast,, set up the rigging,, painted the bends,, rolled our boat,, & did lots of work,, so ends another weary day

hard days work

rolled top mast

14th 55 Saturday very fine indeed with light baffling winds,, daylight washed off decks hove in chain to clear our anchor, set up some rigging,, tarred down the rigging on the mizzen mast,, rove all our running rigging,, scraped & slushe the masts did some painting,, rowed 2 boats,, bent main sail gaff topsail & all the jibs, 12 oclock a boat from each ship started for Champion bay on the main to get the news,, cleared up & washed ship 2 rabbits had young ones to day,, day ends with some love performances

very busy

two visitors on board the E

Lying At The Albrolas Shoals

Aug 15th/55 Sunday good weather with a fresh breeze from N W to S W, 2 boats went on to long island,, got some rabbits,, S.E. breeze increased let go the sec anchor & gave her 30 & 20 fathoms, sunset no signs of the 2 mates,, so ends this sabbath,,

16th/55 Monday good weather with a fresh breeze from the W., very busy getting ready for sea,, bent foresail new & 2 old topsails mizzen topmast staysail,, rove rope ready to send up main top G yard,, lashed up every thing & made all snug,, got off 18 pipes from the shore,, shooked 4 & stowed the rest in the blubber room washed off decks,, the mates did not come yet,, sent bow boat down to look out island to keep a fire all night for the boats,, expect to go to sea to-morrow if the wind is good,, so ends this day with both anchors down, all right,,

17th/55 Tuesday squally rainey weather with a fresh breeze from W.. Lying by both anchors,, 12 oclock bow boat came but no signs of the mates yet, doing nothing but waiting patiently for good weather Capt gamming,, all hands down at the mouth,, Suspect our boy on board of the Europa steward,, & took their steward in the forecastle on account of ill health,, took a fellow out of the forecastle for steerage boy so ends this day,

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Sending The Spars Aloft For Sea

Aug 18th 55 Wednesday fine weather with a good breeze from S.,, daylight called all hands,, & sent main top & yard aloft,, got breakfast bent a new sail,, hove up one anchor & took it to the bow,, Capt & went on board the E., to get her under weigh but Capt F would not go, PM sent up fore top & yard & bent the sail set up main top,, top Gallant & main royal back stays,, set hold,, gave our fore staysail to the Europa,, got 2 sacs of flour & 2 small pigs,, 4 oclock the mates came,, had been 6 hours coming & 36 going,, had a fine time,, got some papers,, report 5 whales taken at Port Gregory & 2 right whales at Swan river,, our boat gone after shells,, got some altitudes so ends this day,, expect to go to sea tomorrow, God willing

19th 55 Thursday begins with squalls & fresh breezes from SE,, could not get out with a E wind,, set up some of the head rigging PM one boat went after shells,, wind came out S. but to late to go,, so we end the day

20th 55 Friday very fine with light breezes from NW.,, after several foolish attempts to get out,, we made out to get both ships under weigh at 1,oclock after kedgeing towing cutting line stoppers letting go anchors,, at dark we were 10 miles N of hammock island,, towed out the N passage,, saw the main land 15 miles distant,, Europa in Co., in our wake,, wind W N NW & very light on the S tack. [illegible] [illegible] so we end

Bound To The Sharks Bay Ground

Aug 21st 55 Saturday good weather with a strong breeze from the W., carrying main top G sail working to windward,, E in Co, stowed anchors & chains sent up royal yards shifted main R braces forward,, rove another pair of main braces & took the old ones for main royal,, P M one parted,, split the flying jib,, bent another,, fitted lots of rigging did lots of work,, broke out meat,, & washed decks,, 5 o'clock spoke the Europa,, saw the main land & north island, digging to windward Lat at 3 P M 27,,58 Lon 113 27

flying jib bought of Capt E S

22nd 55 Sunday squally with a strong breeze from N N W,, had to come down to double reefed top sails furled the main sail,, working to windward,, Europa in company,, Lat 27,,46 Lon 113,,08

23rd 55 Monday good weather with a fine breeze from S W,, 10 o'clock A M shook out the reefs,, steering to the N W,, saw one sail,, only busy at all kinds of work rove new main braces,, new fore sheets jib down haul main buntline whips & fitted lots of rigging broke out water & did any quantity of work,, P M gammed with the E, lat. 27,,55 Lon 112,,14

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Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

Aug 24th/55 Tuesday very fine with light breezes from the S & all sail set steering N by W., very busy at all kind of work, set up main topmast rigging .. mended an old jib & bent it .. stowed the new one away.. saw ship jacks Lat 27,,06 Lon 112,,16 .. 37 months out to day & no oil .. time to go home.. sunset took in sail & set a quarter watch. Alas, for good old times

25th/55 Wednesday cloudy with a fresh breeze from W S W.. daylight set main top g sail.. working to windward tack & tack busy as usual.. knotting rope yarns & sailoring.. P.M. had to reef down.. furl mainsail spanker & jib.. sunset put her under 2 close reefed topsails & set the watch.. Europa in company saw one sulpher bottom.. Lat. 26,,47 Lon 112,07

26th/55 Thursday begins with a gale from S W with squalls.. ship lying to under close reefed main topsail.. on S tack E in company.. all hands busy mending P.M. weather more moderate.. made some sail.. sunset took in.. no signs of good weather.. evening employed in talking of home.. getting impatient .. Lat. 26,,50 Lon 111..50 so ends another long & tedious day.

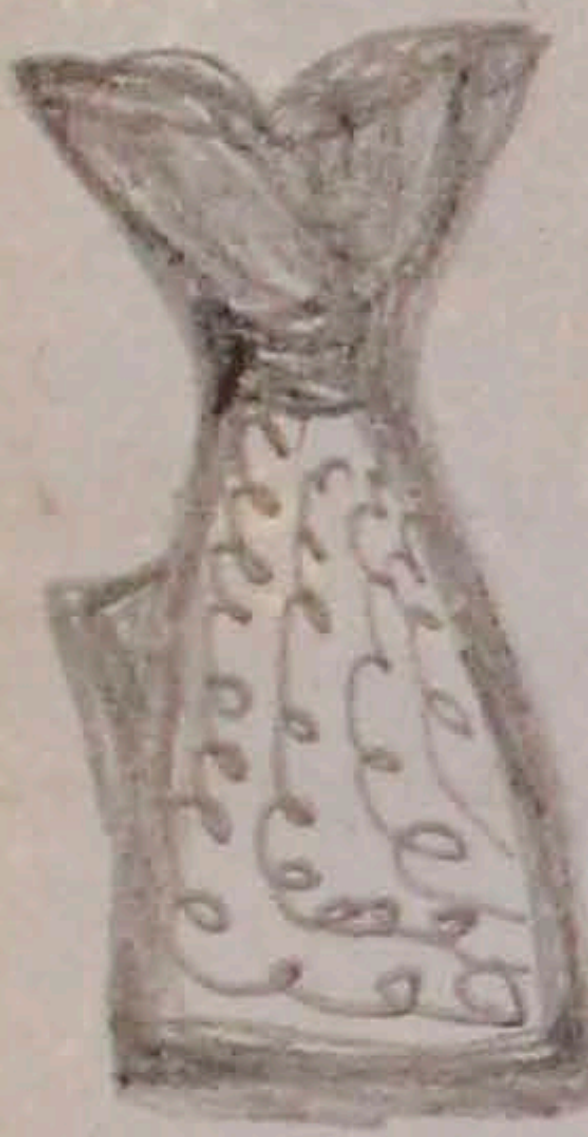
May God in his infinite mercy prosper us poor unfortunate miserable creatures..

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

Aug 27th/55 Friday fine weather with a good breeze from S W,, all sail set steering N W,, busy as usual,, made some hanks,, repaired a grindstone & other jobs to numerous to mention,, killed 4 rabbits,, saw fin backs,, sunset took in sail,, Europa in company

28th/55 Saturday fine weather with a good breeze from S E,, all sail set steering to the N W busy makeing seizeing stuff & other small jobs,, saw sulphurbottoms,, shot a bomb lance at one from the ship,, but did not hurt him,, 2 P M,, raised a sperm fish & lowered 3 boats,, but he came up 4 miles to windward,, so we hoisted up again,, such seemes to be our fate,, 25,,04. Lon 109,,48



29th/55 Sunday good weather with a strong breeze from S E,, ship under whole main & reefed fore top-sails,, & courses steering from S W,, to N,, saw finbacks P M raised a sail supposed to be the Europa,, Lat 24,,28 Lon 109.15'

30th/55 Monday smokey weather with a strong breeze from S E,, part of the day under double reefed topsails & part main top G sail set,, cruiseing in all directions busy at all kinds of work,, mended the main topsail on the yard,, saw one finback,, Lat 23,,52 Lon 108,,38,, praying for strength to bear up under our afflictions,

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On the West Coast of New Holland

Aug Last Tuesday smokey weather with a fresh breeze from S E,, main top G sail set working to windward,, very busy at all kinds of
208 gammed work,, P M spoke & gammed with the Europa,, Capt S talks of leaving soon Lat 24,,05 Lon 108,,49

Sept First Wednesday beautifull weather with a gentle breeze from S E,, daylight made sail
209 gamd & ran off to the Europa,, Capt P came on board,, & took our spare boat,, we took his letters & started,, steering N W,, got up studding sail booms, & sent out fore top mast lower & main top G studding sails & rove new rigging, sent down main royal yard, fitted it rove new rigging bent the sail & sent it aloft,, broke out water & wet hold,, saw finbacks sunset,, took in light sails clewed down the top sails,, hauled up the courses snug & let her sweat,, standing quarter watches heading N W,, Lat 23,,58 Lon 108,,03

2nd Thursday beautifull,, with light breezes from the E,, daylight made all sail steering W N W,, very busy,, got up another top G studding sail, rove new rigging,, sent up 2 main top mast one fore & another lower studding sail, rove new rigging & strapped new blocks,, this makes 8 studding sails set,, saw finbacks sunset set whole watches,, carrying main royal,, & wind light Lat 22,,52 Lon 107,,04

Swift & Perry

Bound To The Isle Of France

Sept Third Friday very fine with light airs & calms,, heading to the W,, A M broke out all between decks & moved water & wood to trim ship,, P M wach employed in setting up top mast stay & back stays forward,, 7 oclock light breeze from S,, main royal set,, steering W,, whole waches

Fourth Saturday thick & foggy with a good breeze from S E,, main royal set & all the studding sails that would draw,, steering to the W,, cut over the spare lower studding sail & made one new yard,, P M washed off,, saw finbacks did not see the sun,,

5th 55 Sunday thick & dreary with good trades running west,, carrying lee studding sails & main royal,, boat steerers standing mast-heads foreward,, saw finbacks,, Lat 22,00 Lon 100,,54,, getting home sick,,

6th 55 Monday thick & rainey with a good breeze from E, to S,, P wach employed in sending out booming & hauling down studding sails,, sometimes & set & sometimes 2,, carrying main royal set saw a large merchant man on S tack close hauled,, Lat 21,,40 Lon 98,,35 steering W by N

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Bound To Mauritius., Isle Of France

Sept 7th/55 Tuesday, good weather with a fine breeze from S S E., every thing set that would draw steering W by N., began to trim ship broke out all the wood out of the fore peak & stowed it in after hold., broke out molasses & meat., saw finbacks., Lat 21,00 Lon 95,20 shifted main topmast studding sail boom foreward., ship sails dull., copper bad carrying main royal.,

8th/55 Wednesday good weather with a moderate breeze from S E., every thing set that would draw., steering W., busy as usual., Ship wet hold., Lat 21,,00 - Lon 92,20

9th/55 Thursday beautifull weather with light winds from S E., carrying main royal & 5 studding sails on the weather side steering W by N., got out fore top G studding sail busy sailoring setting up rigging., killed one of our pigs, to have a roast., saw one fin back., Lat., 20,,30 Lon 89,27

10th/55 Friday very fine with a light breeze from E & S E steering W., with every thing out. watch employed Sailoring., saw nothing had a roast pig for dinner, Lat 20,,12 87,,12

11th/55 Saturday fine with light airs & calms., steering West., busy setting & trimming studding sails, broke out water & meat & ship washed off the ship., saw nothing & dont expect to Lat 20,,10., Lon 95,,07

From New Holland To the

Sept 12th 55 Sunday beautifull weather with light breezes from the south steering W half N,, 5 studding sails set thinking of home,, saw finbacks Lat 20,00, Lon 82,55

13th 55 Monday very fine with very light winds from S,, every thing set steering W,, very busy made a 3 stranded rope out of a 4 & a small rope out of the other strand,, turned in fore top mast back stays,, built a new bench,, saw fin backs,, Lat 19,40 Lon 80,43

14th 55 Tuesday begins with good weather & light airs from S,, busy making seizing stuff & sailorizing,, 3 P.M. got a breeze from S S E,, Steering W ½ N,, with every thing out,, saw finbacks,, 7 oclock fresh breeze Lat 19,,36,, Lon,, 78,,56,,

15th 55 Wednesday good weather with a fine breeze from S E,, every thing out going W,, very busy making seizing stuff & a mizzen stay sail,, 8 P.M. broke out bread & wet [illegible],, busy times these Lat 19,25,, Lon 75,,00 good run 3 [illegible]

16th 55 Thursday good weather with fresh breezes from S S E,, every thing set,, Steering W by S,, very busy turning studding sails finished the mizzen stay sail,, got up mizzen stay rove rigging bent the sail & set it;, Lat 19,,35 Lon 71,22 by chronometer & 70 48 by Lunar

Isle of France,, Mauritius

Sept

17th 55 ~~Saturday~~ Friday begins with rain squalls & calms 4 oclock got a fine breeze from S E.. steering W by S with every thing set,, studding sails set on both sides,, watch employed in sailorizing.. killed the pig,, & did lots of work Lat 20,,08 Lon 65,,19

18th 55 Saturday good weather with the exception of some rain squalls with light trades steering W.. clued up main royal to stay mast heads to the main.. all hands busy sailoring P M unbent one lower & one fore topmast studding sail top G sail & stowed them below, washed ship Lat 20,,08 Lon 65,,47

19th 55 Sunday beautiful weather with good trades steering west with studding sails both sides,, looking sharp for sperm whales,, 8 oclock A M raised the island of Rodrigue & passed 25 miles to the south of it,, saw a few birds & small fish,, Lat 20,,14 63,,19

20th 55 Monday good weather with a fresh breeze from S E, every sail set steering W & looking sharp for sperm whales,, busy sailoring,, & making spun yarn, sent down the fore top G sail,, & ripped the rope off it,, bent a new sail a large one, 5 P M raised a large lot of big & small whales together 4 miles off going quick to the S,, lowered 4 boats & gave chase,, but it was no use we could not strike,, came on board at 7 oclock kept the ship off & unbent all the studding sails but fore topmast Lat 22,,20

Lon 60,,19

Swift & Perry

Bound to the Isle of France

Sept

21st Tuesday fine, with good trades, steering W by S with foretopmast studding sail set,, the mate very busy sailoring with both watches & making spun yarn,, sent down all the booms to the main & put all the gear into a cask,, 4 o'clock the Lat 20,12 Lon 58,20,, 6 o'clock raised the land on lee bow,, ran till 10 took in light sails & came too aback

22d Cruising. Wednesday smoky with strong trades, daylight land 6 miles off under our lee,, kept the ship off under whole main topsail & foresail,, sent down the foretopsail repaired it & bent it,, run round the island till we came to the S W point & then luffed to & began to cruise,, saw blackfish cowfish skip jacks & flying fish,, saw 3 sail 2 schooners & a square rigger,, 7 o'clock land 8 miles off headed her off shore,, Lat 20 40,, 57 08

23rd Friday good weather with strong breeze from S E,, cruising off the S W point under whole topsails,, quite busy at small jobs,, unbent mizzen stay sail & stowed it away,, saw blackfish & several sail mostly small crafts,, one steamer,, 10 o'clock a merchant man passed us bound in, took set main top G sail & flying jib & started for port,, 5 o'clock was 10 miles to windward of the merchant man & 15 to leeward of the port,, during the night baffling winds & light,, still beating up saw 2 lights one a revolving light, one in 20 seconds

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Lying At Mauritius At the Bell Bouy

Sept 24th Friday good weather with light baffling winds,, daylight in sight of the shipping after breakfast got up cables & anchors off the bow. 10 oclock A.M. come to anchor in 10 fathom of water at roadstead,, 12 merchant man out side with us & any quantity of them in at the moorings,, was boarded by the health officer & tide waiter, & Capt went on shore,, sent down main royal,, & got ready to wash ship, expect paint enough to paint ship,, so end the day

25th 55 Saturday good weather with baffling winds,, vessels going out & in all the time,, Capt S come on board,, & bought some fresh meat & vegetables,, very busy washed ship out side & in, & cleaned the iron work,, officers & boatsteerers standing the watches nights,,

26th 55 Sunday thick weather with a strong breeze & sand flying & ships dragging all hands on board resting but the Capt. Ship Martha come in from hump backing,, & several merchant man from different parts of the world,, some of them made bad work beating up to the anchorage,, some of them beating 12 hours getting as many miles,, 12 oclock one man was inclined to fight,, so he was put in irons to get better natured so closes our first sabbath on Mauritius,, may the next be pleasanter could not go to Church,, Oh how sweet it would be to hear the Gospel preached

Swift & Perry

Lying At Mauritius Isle of France

Sept 27th 55 Monday good weather, Starboard wach on liberty & the rest employed getting water,, 24 hours liberty,, so ends the day

28th 55 Tuesday good weather L wach on liberty the rest employed stowing water,, put 75 bls in blubber room painted ½ one side ship so ends

29th 55 Wednesday good weather one wach on liberty & the other getting a raft of water sent John Hogan ashore in irons to the lock up,, two of the L wach broke their liberty & another was discharged,, one man in the hospittel,, so ends this day

30th 55 Thursday some squally one wach ashore & the other stowing water in the blubber room,, & painting ship,, plenty of vessels going & coming all the time,, so ends another day

Oct Friday good weather ,, all hands on board getting water & painting ship,, one more Englishman,, left this morning & that leaves us but one,, 2 or 3 of the crew sick from over loading their stomachs,, so ends this day

2d Saturday good weather,, all hands on board,, breaking out & stowing down & painting,, evening one boats crew went on shore,, one yankee come in leaking,, so ends another day tius Isle Of France

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Lying At Mauritius Isle Of Fran

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rest employed in stanting boating
& loafing so we live, when will it end

6th/55 Wednesday fine L wach on liberty the
rest of the crew getting off sweet potatoes
& yams & 10 bbls of flour,, so ends the day

7th/55 Thursday fine S wach ashore getting
the scurvy out & the rest are
employed getting off meat & molasses
so ends the liberty quite enough

8th/55 Friday fine,, no more liberty,, boat
off & on shore all day,, some employed
in doing small jobs & getting ready
for sea 4 P.M. battened down hatches
& smoked ship to kill the rats, all
hands had to sleep on deck

9th/55 Saturday fine weather & good breeze
waiting for the Capt to go to sea
as usual he is not ready it is to bad
but cant be helped,, Dunsed not ready
& prospects no brighter,

Swift & Perry

Lying At Mauritius Isle

Oct 10th 55 Sunday fine all hands on board waiting for the Capt,, some sickness on board,, so goes the day

11th 55 Monday good weather & strong trades 2 oclock P.M Capt came on board,, double reefed the topsails & got under weigh,, ran out to the S end of the Island & luffed to wind on S tack,, stowed anchors & cables & lashed every thing,, so we left this place with 25 bbls of meat some potatoes yams hard bread 10 bbls flour 3 casks molasses,, sugar coffee & other small stores for another 6 months,, 6 new men & 9 old ones gone, Englishman, new ones yankees 7 oclock set whole watches.

4th 55 men left

12th 55 Tuesday smokey weather with a strong breeze under double reefed topsails on S tack A.M getting things in order 2 P.M raised a shoal of cows going to windward,, lowered 4 boats & chased,, 2 boats got run of the shoal & struck the other 2 came on board L & B boats killed 5 & saved 2 it was very rough & the ship a long way to leeward,, got them along side & made fast at 11 oclock P.M & a hard job we had of it,, lost one from along side,, but saved the little fellow at last,, got supper & all turned in but one man. so ends this day,, itius Isle

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Cruising For Sperm Whales

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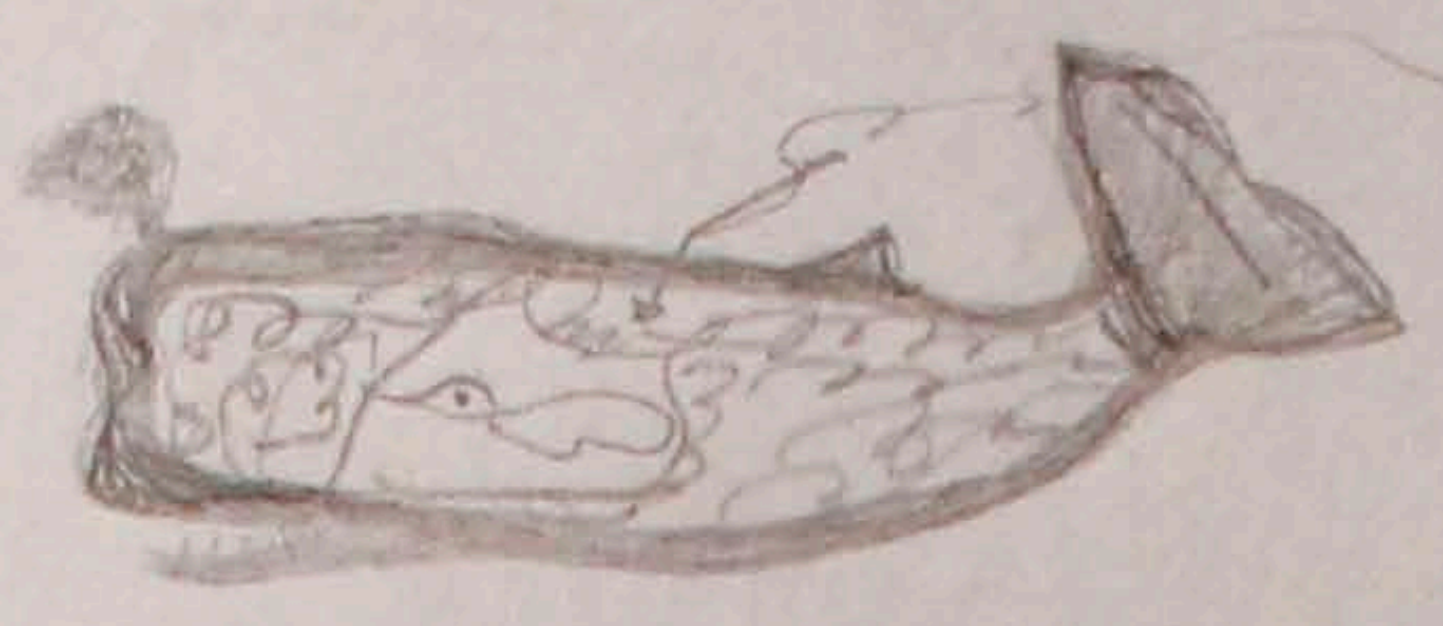

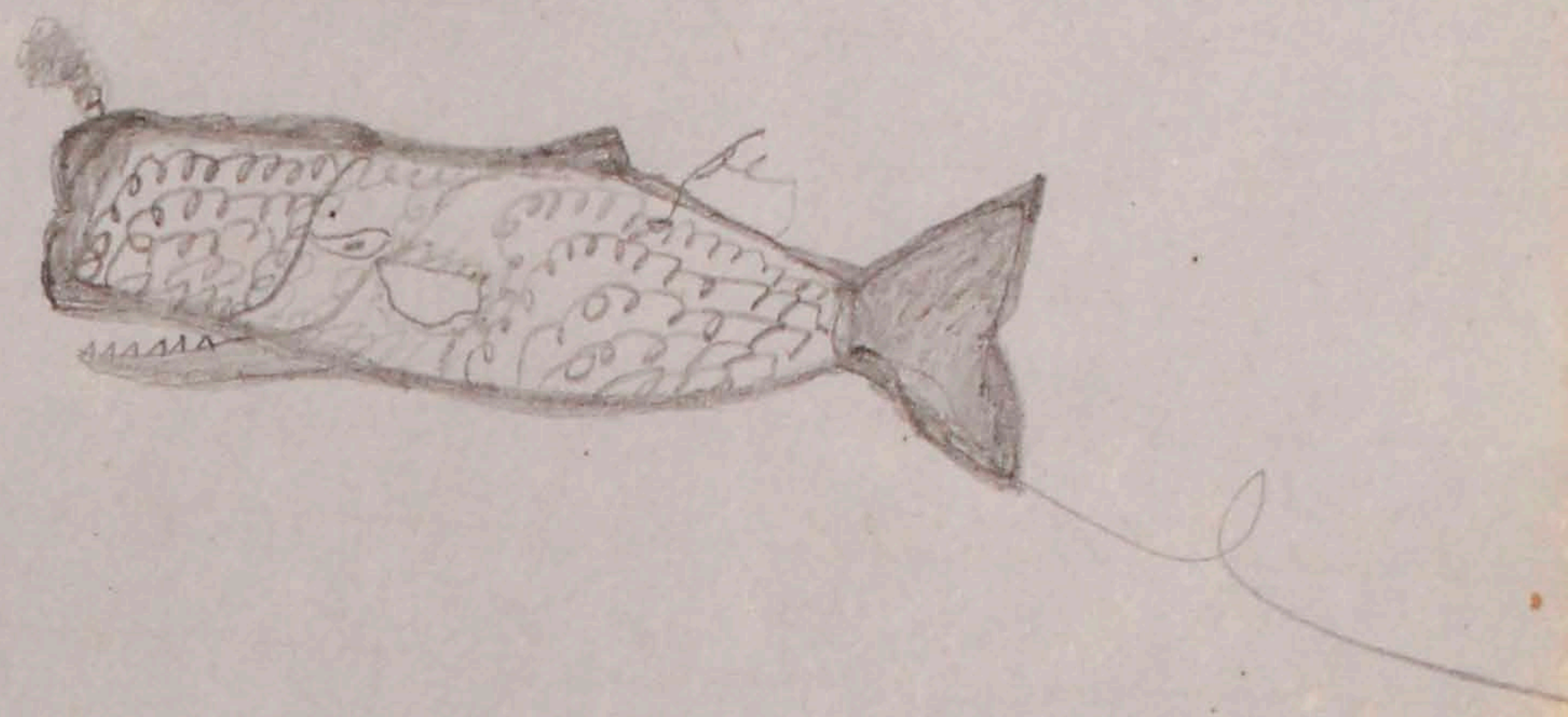

13th 11 Wednesday good weather but rugged,, daylight got breakfast & began to cut,, took in one nearly whole 11 oclock saw whales going to windward quick, did not have finished cutting at 12,, & got dinner, & then commenced boiling,, saw whales heading to windward set main top g sail, but they went out of sight of us,, cooler leaked so we could not use it had to use a cask day ends calm,, boiling 2 small heads with no scraps

14th 55 Thursday fine calm & hot boiling & then finished turned up 22 bbls,, caught 2 albacore washed off,, standing whale watches,, Lat 21 something,, so ends; day

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

Oct 15th/55 Friday good weather with strong breezes from S S E.. steering E N E with main top G sail set,, busy at all kinds of work.. saw plenty of birds caught 2 albacores.. Lat 22,,0 Lon 57 44,, one sail

16th/55 Saturday thick & smokey with strong trades under whole topsails on the S tack set up lee main rigging.. wet hold & washed ship,, saw jumpers & finbacks Lat 20,,17 Lon 57,,54,, so ends the day

17th/55 Sunday begins with cloudy weather & fresh breeze from S.E.. ship under double reefed topsails, working to windward,, saw nothing late part of the day rainey,, standing whole waches Lat 19,,30 Lon 60,,25

18th/55 Monday begins thick & wet ,, under double reefed topsails,, working to the S.E. set up lee main rigging & c.. plenty of rain saw nothing Lat 20,,12 Lon 60,,13

19th/55 Tuesday good weather with fresh breeze from S.E.. part of the day main top G sail set steering to the W.. busy sailoring ,, saw nothing ,, sunset stacked the topsails down on the cap & ran along under the foresail,, standing whole waches Lat 21,,32 Lon 59,,40

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Steering To The Westward

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20th/55 Wednesday good weather & fine trades daylight set main top G sail & steered to the W.. busy sailoring.. saw one low bird.. Lat 21,,35 Lon 57.46

21st/55 Thursday begins with cloudy weather & very strong trades.. steering N W.. under double reefed topsails & foresail, soon after sun rise raised a shoal of small whales on our weather beam 2 miles distant.. luffed & made a little sail.. & got boats ready 8 o'clock the lee whales were not more than a quarter of a mile from us.. they went down & when we next saw them they were 3 miles to windward going like lightning did not lower.. P M saw one sail some dolphin & several birds Lat 21,,39.. 57,,24..

22nd/55 Friday very fine indeed with a fine breeze from S E.. main top G sail set beating to windward.. busy as usual saw a large breach to windward & a brig steering to the S.. quite a number of birds in sight.. but no fish, larger than flying fish Lat 21,,34 Lon 57,,31

23rd Saturday very fine with light trades.. top G sails set.. steering to the W.. daylight saw the Isle of France bearing N E. 25 miles & at noon saw Bourbon ahead.. busy as usual.. P M started water.. wet hold & washed ship.. saw one sail & some small fish.. sunset hauled up courses, clewed down topsails & headed to S.. the land bearing W N W 25 miles, position by observation 56,,43 Lon
Lat 20,,15

Cruiseing Off Bourbon

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24th 55 Sunday very fine,, daylight made all sail ,, & with good trades ran down to leeward of the island & luffed to on the wind,, saw grampuses,, & so calm,, fine & hot,, just 39 months out to day,, Oh what a hard fate,, Oh that we might get some oil,, & go home home home sweet home Lat 21 44,, 55,,46

25th 55 Monday very fine with moderate breezes from E. top G sails set steering to the W.,, stowed down our oil in the fore hold full,, 24 bls,, a great stow down,, started water & meat & then washed off,, saw 5 merchant men,, bound round the cape,, skip jacks & some birds,, 12 o'clock lost sight of the land,, carrying sail through the night Lat 21,,52 Lon 54,,32

26th 55 Tuesday very fine indeed with a gentle breeze from E,, main top G sail set going W & W very busy sailoring,, saw one sail but no fish,, water very blue,, bound to Madagascar Lat 21,34 52 46

27th 55 Wednesday good weather & fine trades main top G sail set steering to the W.,, busy sailoring,, A M saw a breech ran for it but saw it no more,, a few birds in sight but no fish,, sunset took in sail & luffed to the wind on S tack,, still standing whale watches,, Lat 21,,30 52,,40 ersboro

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In the vicinity Of Madagascar

Oct 28th 55 Thursday cloudy with strong breezes from the SW main top G sail set steering to the W,, S W,, & S,, busy in the rigging 5½ oclock P.M saw a whale spout 4 times but saw him no more,, sunset took in sail & luffed to,, but standing whole watches Lat 22,,18 Lon 49,,31

29th 55 Friday cloudy rainy squally mean weather with calms & light airs from all quarters all sail set getting nowhere,, made some seizing stuff between showers,, & broke out molasses,, Capt sick,, saw nothing,, sunset took in sail Lat 22,,40 Lon 49,,15,,

30th 55 Saturday cloudy & squally with light baffling winds all sail out getting nowhere,, busy sailoring,, P.M all hands broke out water & washed ship,, saw plenty of dolphin,, raised a sail to windward,, & signalized her,, called her the Millwood,, 7 oclock running for us Lat 23,,30 Lon 49,,22 8 oclock spoke the M & Capt & went on board,, & came back in heavy rain & thunder

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31st 55 Sunday blowing a gale from S S E with plenty of rain,, double reefed main & close reefed fore topsails set most of the day, tack & tack,, P.M ran off & spoke the ship Forrester Capt Gunniger,, of Mattapoisett did not get his report,, still standing whole watches,, Lying too in bad weather

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

Nov first Monday Squally weather with a fresh breeze from S S E A M set main top g sail,, busy making lance warps out of a cutting fall P M came down to double reefed topsails & foresail,, steering to the W S W,, saw the Millwood steering free,, sunset took in sail & send ship standing whole watches Lat 24,,2,,48,,56

Sec Tuesday good weather with a fine breeze from E S E,, main top g sail out cruiseing,, very busy making rope 12 oclock saw the land to the W 35 miles distant,, headed her off shore,,2 sail in sight,, saw 2 finbacks some birds & fish.. day ends as usual,, position at 4 P M by observasion Lat 24,,30 Lon 48,,09

third Wednesday cloudy & squally with fresh breezes from S E,, under whole topsails most of the day tack & tack A M took up the sheathing in the waist & scraped the deck,, saw a bark to leeward,, some small fish one gony & some small birds, day ends as usual,, Lat 24,,40 Lon 48,,21

4th/55 Thursday rainy & squally as usual,, with all kinds of winds from N E,, all sail set cruising,, saw porpoises & 4 sail Lat 24,,40 Lon 48,,21 so ends this day beam Whales

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Off Madagascar

Nov 5th/55 Friday weather same as usual,, plenty of rain,, top & sails set part of the day very busy at nothing,, 3 sail in sight P.M gammed with the Eugenia of New Bedford Capt Cottle 13 m 50,, & 300 W.,, day ends with rain Lat 24,,40 48,,39

6th/55 Saturday good weather for the place all sail set beating to windward most of the day with the wind E N E,, saw the land 30 miles distant,, one sail in sight,, saw a sulphur bottom, turn flukes sunset saw a sulphur going 40 knots to windward P.M broke out water wet tubs & washed off,, sunset left whole top sails out to get to windward Lat 25,,25 Lon 47,,57

7th/55 Sunday quite good weather with fresh breezes from E N E,, part of the day all sail set & part under double reefed topsails,, had some rain as usual,, saw finbacks,, one sail in sight,, so ends this sabbath,, carrying sail night & day to get to windward Lat 25,,55 Lon 48,,27,,

8th/55 Monday very fine for the place wind to the N N E,, all sail set beating to windward,, & doing nothing but schimshon saw finbacks & grampus the Eugenia under our lee,, caught one skip jack Lat 25,,20 Lon 49,,01

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

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9th/55 Tuesday good weather & moderate
breezes from N.E.. all sail set
beating to windward. saw finbacks
dolphins & skip jacks,, busy scraping &
211 painting 2 foretopmast studdingsail
gammes booms,, saw 2 sail 12 oclock spoke
the Ship Plover of New Bedford
Capt Perkings 5 months out clean
day ends in gamming Lat 24,55 49,,17½

10th/55 Wednesday begins with plenty of rain
thunder & lightning,, with the wind from
212 S E,, made all sail at 9 oclock & stood
gammes to the N,, our Capt still on board the
P,, saw small fish,, busy gamming,, at
one oclock came in thick & began to blow
got the Capt came on board,, put her under
lots short sail & kept her off N N W,, sunset
of put her under close reefed main topsail
Papers so ends the day,, got no observations
The P. reports the loss of the mate of ship Martha while
strikeing a whale,

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Nov 12th 55 Friday good weather with a moderate breeze from the E all sail set steering to the W most of the day [illegible] oclock A M luffed too for the P S gammed all day,, let him have an old mainsail for a main top G stay sail,, gave him 2 plank,, saw one other sail,, sunset took in sail & luffed to,, saw dolphin & one finback,, Lat 24,11 no Lon

215 Barrels

13th 55 Saturday begins with rain,, & rained most of that day,, sent in the jib & mended it between showers,, bent it again & bent the new main sail,, the wind all round the compass,, sometimes main top G sail set & some times close reefed top sails working & steering to the W,, the Bloom in Co,, saw dolphin & grampus,, A M broke out water wet hold & washed off in a heavy rain storm,, this is what I call fine weather Lat 24,33 Lon 50,01.

14th 55 Sunday fine weather for the place with a fine breeze from the E. all sail set steering to the W,, most of the day,, saw finbacks sulpher bottoms,, caught one cow fish & killed 6 dolphin but lost them,, saw a large merchant ship steering to the S W,, the ground seems quite lively,, expect to see sperm whales in the course of 3 weeks Oh it will be a splendid sight, for us Sunset put her under short sail on the S tack Lat 24,33 Lon 48,41.

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

Nov 15th 55 Monday good weather with fine East winds,, all sail set cruiseing,, painted the ends of our studding sail booms black,, took out meat put one streak in starboard boat,, saw several shoal of small fish & one merchantman Lat 24,,34,, Lon 48,,33,,

16th 55 Tuesday good weather with a fresh breeze from E, ship under whole topsails back & tack,, repaired a staysail & took 2 cloths off the new jib,, saw plenty of small fish & one finback,, saw 2 sail signalized the John Dawson,, sunset took in sail as usual Lat 24,,25,, Lon 48,,35

17th 55 Wednesday good weather with a moderate breeze from S E,, all sail set cruising saw dolphin & sulpher bottoms,, also gammed with the bark John Dawson of New bedford Capt Baker 38 months out 600 bls sperm,, sunset took in sail,,

214 gammed

18th 55 Thursday blowing strong from S E,, steering N under close reefed foretopsail & foresail sent the main topsail down & repaird it & bent it,, saw dolphin & 2 sail sunset put her under 2 close reefed topsails & set a quarter watch in charge of the boat steerers,, Lat 24,10 Lon 49,,11 il

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Off Fort Dauphin,, Madagascar

Nov 19th/55 Friday good weather with a fresh breeze from the E., all sail set steering to the [illegible] all day .. busy sailoring .. dug out a rotten place in the main topmast & filled up the hole with salt:, pickle & pitch .. 2 barks & a ship in sight. 2 men sick with the gout,, cleaned out the galley stove .. sunset took in sail .. rove new flying jib halyards Lat 23,45 Lon 47,19 very strong current

20th/55 Saturday raining & blowing all day under close reefed main topsail most of the day .. Ship wet [illegible] & washed off .. saw one bark to windward .. plenty of dolphin round Lat 23,00 Lon 48,27

21st/55 Sunday very fine indeed .. all sail set cruising .. caught 2 dolphin, saw 3 sail,, Ship gammed with the Plover

215 gammed Capt G states that Sat the 20th in Lat 24 Lon 49,, saw a yawl boat,, partly full of water,, lowered for it & found a dead man in it,, & one oar .. no signs of there having been any more than one,, we set her adrift again

Sad. Tidings

22nd/55 Monday very fine .. all sail set steering to the N.W. most of the day .. saw dolphin,, 3 sail in sight mended flying jib & mizzen top mast stay sail,, Ship gammed with ship Messenger (of New B,, Capt. Jenny 39 months out 1300 sp,, 30 wh,, Plover & Bark Belle,, ,, Lat 22,46 Lon

216 gammed

Swift & Perry

Cruising For Sperm Whales

Nov 23rd 55 217 gammes Tuesday cloudy & smokey,, wind strong from E,, main top G sail set most of the day going N W,, before breakfast Capt Smith of the Belle came on board,, & brought some letters & things to go home, in the Pacific,, saw the Plover going west,, any quantity of sulpher bottoms in sight,, come up with the main top mast stay & put a new strap on the bulls eye,, had to slack the fore stay to get it on sunset took in sail,, Lat 25 25' Lon 49 23

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24th 55 Wednesday smokey thick weather with a strong breeze from E N E,, daylight set double reefed top sails & courses,, 6 oclock kept her off to the W,, sent down fore top sail,, repaired it,, put it below,, got up the new one fitted it & bent it,, 8 A M set main top G sail,, saw fin backs & humpers,, saw the Plover under close reefed main top sail & foresail,, taking it easy I should say,, Saw 2 other sail Lat 25,05 Lon 48,54,

25th 55 Thursday thick & smokey with a strong breeze from the N E Ship under double reefed top sails on the S tack,, broke out meat beans butter flour & dried apples & molasses, rest of the day spent in sailorzing,, getting ready for a main top G stay sail,, saw the Plover & President,, Capt S busy making a signal,, so ends this day

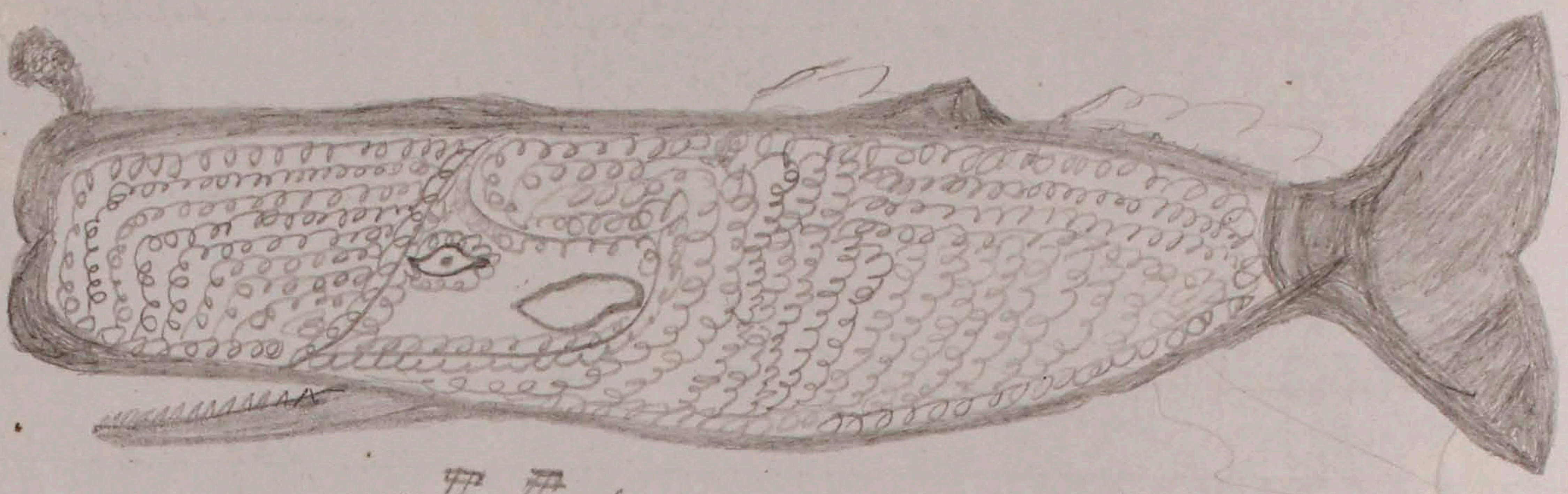
On the Coast off of Madagascar

Nov 26th 55 Friday clear weather with fresh breezes
from the E ship under double reefed
topsails on the S tack most of the day
2/8 busy sailorizing, P.M. gammed with the
gammus Martha Capt Spalding 30 months out
with 900 Sp, 100 Wh, took on board 10 bundles
bone for freight, after tea gammed with the
Plover, had seen nothing, Lat 24 53, Lon 48..41,

27th 55 Saturday fine weather with good breezes
from the E., all sail set on the S
tack, very busy sailorizing. bent main
top G Stay sail, cut our mizzen staysail
& bent it broke out water & wet hold
119 P.M. gammed with the Plover, saw 3
gammus sail, about 5 oclock. raised a whale com-
ing to windward, kept off for him, Capt
S on board the Plover, next time the
whale took water close to the ship, lowered
down L boat & struck him before any one
else went down, L boat got stove all
to peaces with his jaw, so as not
to pick up a peace, the third mate
of the Plover in trying to strike him
got stove, & some of the others had
a narrow escape, after a hard time
of it we managed to turn him up
at sunset 8 oclock took him along
side of the Pacific & made him
fast with a big fluke chain &
hawser.. day ends in gamming.. standing
boats crew watches.. Lat 24,50, Lon
48,57,, This whale was a large one
& had been gallied by the Brewster &
Millwood to leeward, our third chance

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

Nov



28th/55 Sunday very fine indeed,, after breakfast began cutting,, had one boats crew from the Plover,, finished his body got dinner & P.M hove in his junk & case,, bailed the case & got it on board,, 3 sail in sight. 4 oclock Capt & went on board the Plover to have a gam,, bought an old boat at dark put her under short sail,, set try works & fired up,, so we end this day

120 gammes

29th/55 Monday fine weather with fresh breezes from S.E under double reefed topsails & foresail tack & tack,, boiling the body,, Capt P brought on board 45 bbls of casks for oil,, bought a boat of him & put it on our waist cranes put the waist boat on the S cranes & the S boat on the L,, P.M had to cut the junk up & put it in the after hatch to save it. so ends the day Lat 25 25 Lon 49 21

121 gammes

Off Port Dauphin

Nov 30th 51 Tues

Tuesday fine weather with good breezes from E ship under double reefed topsails boiling the body,, saw several sail & some dolphin,, saw some small whales,, rumpus we called them 5 o'clock the mate of the Plover came on board,, day ends fine,, observes the same

122 gammed

Dec first

Wednesday very fine indeed,, main top G sail set cruising with light variables,, turned up 56,, bbls,, of body & commenced on the head,, saw dolphin & 5 sail,, cooled down about 2 o'clock P.M.,, cleared up decks,, washed off,, with 85 bbls sperm on deck & gammed with the Nova,, & Plover,, the N is just out of Mauritius & brings the sad tidings of the death of one of our number that we left there sick the N had 600 sp & 800 wh oil,, day ends very fine. but no sperm whales to be seen.. so ends this day

123 gammed

Dec

Thursday cloudy & squally.. main top G sail set with variable winds,, after breakfast Capt P came on board & our mate went there,, we divided the oil,, & stowed our part in the after hold filled up the Plovers,, coopered it branded it & marked it,, ready to stow between decks.. our part was 45 & his 44 bbls,, sent back one empty cask

124. gammed

Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

Dec 3rd 55 Friday squalls & rainey with variable winds & heavy swell main top G sail set,, going all ways saw 3 sail & plenty of dolphins caught 3 large ones,, saw the land S E Mo gammed with the Columbus Capt Taylor had been back to Mauritius & stopped 12 days sick,, had taken 70 bbls of oil since we last saw him,, was bound direct home,, sent letters by him Lat 25,,00 Lon 43,,39 ,,

125 gammes caught 3 big dolphin

4th 55 Saturday good weather with a strong breeze from E main top G sail set running to the W,, all day,, saw all kinds of fish but sperm whales saw the land,, sent down main top G stay sail,, made some hanks,, bent the new jib,, broke out water,, wet hold & washed off,, sunset took in sail Columbus in company,, so ends the day

5th 55 Sunday squally with strong trades at NE running to the S W under double reefed top sails,, P M kept her off W & set the main top G sail,, Columbus ahead Lat 26,,40 Lon 46,,53 standing whole way up

6th 55 Monday fine weather with strong trades all sail set steering W,, got up fore top mast studding sail booms & set the sail,, cut over lower studding sail & set it,, sent down fore spencer & gaff so as to have a main top mast stay sail,, Lat 26,,50 Lon 44,,00,, Columbus in sight astern,, saw fin backs

Bound to the Cape of Good Hope

Dec 7th 55 Tuesday fine weather with a moderate
breeze from E. topmast & lower studding
sails set steering W.,, stowed down the
flowers oil in the after part of the
blubber room 44 bbls.,, P.M bent the new
main topsail.,, saw finbacks & porpoises
Lat 27,,53 Lon 41,,08 day ends good weather
the Columbus in our wake

8th 55 Wednesday fine weather with light
breezes from E., 2 studding sails set
steering W by S., busy at all kinds of work
got up a main top G stay to bend a
stay sail on.,, cleaned out the forward tank
& put the Marthas bone down.,, sent
down one of the booms & planed it
down & sent it up again.,, rove new
fore topsail braces.,, & signal halyards
to the mizzen peak.,, saw porpoises
the Columbus coming astern with lower
top-mast & top G studding sails & royals
set & I think will catch us.,, day ends
cloudy weather. Lat 29,,00 Lon 38.41.,,

9th 55 Thursday very fine indeed with light
winds from the E.,, steering W.,, daylight
126 got up another topmast & lower studding
gammes sail & set them the other side.,, made
a spring stay of a cutting fall.,, & bent
top mast & top G stay sails on the stays
saw one merchantman going W.
P.M gammed with Columbus.,, sold him
a keg of white lead. day ends fine
Lat 30,,00 Lon 37,,1.,,

Swift & Perry

Bound to the East Cape

Dec 10th 55 Friday very fine indeed with moderate breezes from E steering W., with 2 studding sails set,, busy as usual, saw squid,, dolphin,, caught one porpoise & a skip jack,, Columbus & one merchantman ahead,, barometer falling Lat 34,10, Lon 34,35

11th 55 Saturday comes in with light breezes from E,, steering W with all sail set,, 6 oclock died away calm shortened sail,, & at 7 wind came out S W in a rain squall with plenty of thunder & lightning,, came down to a close reefed main topsail,, & P M moderated,, broke out water wet hold & washed off,, sunset had main top G sail set on L tack heading W by S,, Columbus in sight Lat 31,,53 Lon 32,,18.

12 Sunday begins calm with a clear sky 3 sail in sight one an English steamer saw grampuses & dolphin,, caught one P M got a good breeze from W,, all sail set on S tack Columbus in Co,, sunset tacked ship & headed N W. with a strong breeze,, & light sails in so ends ,,Lat 32,,08 Lon 31,,32

13th 55 Monday fine & hot with scarce a breath of air,, sent in the flying jib & repaird it,, made a lot of spun yarn,, got some limes & P M gammed with the Columbus put some more letters aboard of him Lat 32,18 Lon 31,,14

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Bound Round Cape Good Hope

Dec 14th 55 Tuesday good weather with a strong breeze
from W N W to S S W & very heavy
swell,, Ship beating with main top g
sail set part of the time & the rest
under whole top sails,, busy at all kinds
of work ,, 2 sail in sight so ends the
day Lat. 33,00 Lon 31,54 ,, hard work this

15th 55 Wednesday begins fine & calm,, busy Sailoring
10 A M got a breeze from S E,, set studding
sails & kept her W by S,, soon see fine breeze
day ends with strong breeze from E,, carrying
main top g sail Lat 33,08 Lon 30,25,,

16th 55 Thursday comes in with a rattling breeze
from N E,, thick squally & rugged,, under
double reefed top-sails & foresail steering
W 7 o'clock A M wind hauled to N W
busy making & taking in sail,, P M
hauled to W,, barometer very low,, 5 o'clock
wore ship & headed N W,, under double
reefed top sails & courses set,, soon after it
was calm,, weather looking bad Lat 35,00 Lon 27,43

17th 55 Friday blowing a gale from the W,, part
of the day lying too under close reefed main
top sail,, & a part, 2 close reefed top sails & fore
sail,, tack & tack,, Lat 35,10 Lon 27,22

18th 55 Saturday squally & blowing from the W,, ship
on different tacks under double reefed top sails
& courses,, part of the day,, had a whole main
top sail,, P M washed of wt hold & broke
out water,, Lat 35,15 Lon 27 21,, going fast

Swift & Perry

Bound Round the East Cape

Dec 19 Sunday begins with a strong breeze from S W,, under double reefed topsails on S tack,, P M wind died,, & at 4 P M came out to the E,, steering W by N,, so ends Lat 35,,15,, Lon 26,,27

20th Monday good weather & good breeze from E,, studdingsails set steering W N W,, water very green,, on soundings bent the spanker over,, broke out flour,, carried away the slings of the fore yard,, saw one sail going to the W barometer going down Lat 36,,25 Lon 22,,38,,

21st Tuesday very fine indeed with a good breeze from S E all sail set steering W N W,, busy at all kinds of work,, saw 4 sail,, blackfish & porpoises,, struck one porpoise & lost the iron & line,, day ends fine Lat 35,,15 Lon 19,,09

22nd Wednesday good weather with a fresh breeze from S,, main top G sail set steering N W,, unbent the studding sails,, stowed them below,, & sent down the booms,, broke the meat out of the fore hold & stowed it aft,, saw one sail,, blackfish & porpoises Lat 34,,50 Lon 16,,42,,

23rd Thursday smoky with a strong breeze from the South main top G sail set most of the day steering N W by W,, busy as usual saw porpoises,, Lat 34,,10 Lon 12,,48

Bound on a Cruise

Dec 24th/55 quarter watches short sail Friday cloudy with good breezes from S W.. steering S W with top G sails set busy sailoring,, broke out water,, saw porpoises & a few birds.. Latitude 33..30 Lon 9..30..

25th/55 Saturday very fine indeed with light breezes from S W.. main top G sail set steering to the S.. no prospects of whales.. busy sailoring sent down main spencer gaff & cut off 2½ feet,, sent it up,, repaired the sail & bent it, sent down the new topsails & bent the old ones.. , saw sun fish &c [illegible] & washed off,, had fresh meat,, mince pies & dough nuts for dinner,, so ends Christmas day on board the Barque Pacific Lat 32,,44 Lon 7,,46,, sunset took in sail & set the watch

26th/55 Sunday good weather with a strong breeze from S E.. daylight set main top G sail but soon after came down to double reefed top sails .. 9 o'clock saw a breach to windward,, but saw nothing more of it.. plenty of sunfish on this ground.. but a great scarcity of sperm whales.. sunset took in sail,, Lat 32,,25.. Lon 7,,51

27th/55 Monday blowing strong from S E.. ship under double reefed top sails & foresail tack & tack. busy sailoring,, Capt making mats saw nothing that looked like fish,, all hands getting homesick & I hope the Capt will get a touch of it soon,, sunset took in sail & set the watch,, ship on S tack Lat 32,,12 Lon 6,,41

Swift & Perry

Cruiseing For Sperm Oil

Dec

28th/55 Tuesday good weather with a half a gale from S E,, ship under double reefed topsails & foresail tack & tack,, sent down the cutting blocks,, fitted & cleaned them & stowed them away in the hold,, for another voyage,, made a new mast coat for the main mast,, sunset took in sail & set the watch Lat 32,,15 Lon 7,,35,,

29th/55 Wednesday fine weather with a fresh breeze from S E,, ship under whole main & reefed fore topsails & courses tack & tack,, busy sailorizing,, saw 2 birds & a sun fish,, sunset took in sail Lat 32,,30 Lon 7,,31,,

30th/55 Thursday very fine A M light breezes from S & E,, all sail set steering to N,, busy sailorizing sent down fore top G yard to fit the rigging,, turned in 1 side of mizzen rigging,, sunset took in sail,, Lat 32,,20,, Lon 6,,48,,

31st/55 Friday very fine with light breezes from S,, all sail set steering to the E,, very busy sailorizing,, finished turning in the mizzen rigging,, set up fore top G yard & sail,, made a lot of spun yarn & seizing stuff saw a squid & a sea serpent but no sperm fish,, sunset put her under double reefed main topsail & foresail,, & set the watch,, so goes out the old year,, may the next be happier,, Lat 32,,01 Lon 7,,54

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Eighteen Hundred & Forty Nine

Jan first Saturday very fine with calms & light breezes from S W all sail set steering to the E,, busy at all kinds of work,, broke out water bread & flour,, wet holds & washed ship saw plenty of small fish,, sunset took in sail,, & hauled on the S tack so ends the first day of the new year Lat 31,,40 Lon 7,,52,,

Sec Sunday very fine indeed with light breezes from the W all sail set on the S tack all day,, saw 2 porpoises,, & some skip jacks,, Lat 31,,50 Lon 8,,1,, Home Sick

Third Monday very fine indeed with a moderate breeze from S,, all sail set going N N E,,, very busy turning in fore rigging,, one bird in sight Lat 32,,20,, Lon 7,,10,, so ends the day

4th 55 Tuesday fine with a good breeze from S E main top G sail set,, & fore top sail reefed,, on the Eastern tack,, Spoke & gammed with the ship Messenger had seen whales once,, & missed them busy in the rigging Lat 34,,15 Lon 8,,54

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5th 51 Wednesday fine with a fresh breeze from S E,, main top G sail & a reefed fore top sail set steering N N W busy in the rigging,, saw nothing,, & gammed with the M,, sunset took in sail,, got no observations

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Cruiseing For Sperm Whales

Jan 6th/55 Thursday good weather with a fresh breeze from S.E., main top G sail set steering E N E., Sh in Co.. busy fitting rigging., saw 2 merchantman bound N.W. signalized an Englishman saw porpoises,, Lat 29,,35 Lon 7,,42,

7th/55 Friday good weather with a fine breeze from S.E. main top G sail set & main sail furled on the S tack Messenger astern,, busy in the rigging saw 6 merchant men signalized one englishman,, 5 o'clock ran off so as to keep close to the Sh sunset took in sail Lat 28,,45 Lon 8,,52)

8th/55 Saturday fine weather with a moderate breeze from S.E.. main top G sail set steering E N E.. A Sh busy in the rigging.. broke out water & molasses.. Stowed 3 pipes, & so wet hold & washed ship,, saw grampuses Sunset took in sail the Sh in Co, Lat 28,,06,, Lon 9,,46

9th/55 Sunday very fine indeed with light breezes from the W. main top G sail set working slowly to the E.,, the Sh astern saw porpoises dolphin & finbacks,, got lots of lunars,, Evening Capt S pulled about 8 miles to gam day ends very fine indeed Lat 27,,25 Lon 10,,20,

230 gamms

On the West Coast of Africa

Jan 10th 55 Monday very fine with light breezes
from the W. main top G sail set
steering to the S & E the Sh in co
very busy making seizing stuff for
main rigging saw fish & kelp but
nothing that looked like a sperm whale
Lat 27,,18,, Lon 10,,40,,

11th 55 Tuesday very fine with moderate breezes
from the S main top G sail set
231 steering S S E,, A Sh turned in main
gammes rigging saw porpoises & one fin back
& Sh gammed with the Sh so ends
this day Lat 26,,15 Lon 10,,46,

12th 55 Wednesday blowing half a gale from
S ship under double reefed main, close
fore top sails & foresail running S to rough
to work,, 5 P M hove to on S tack one
sail in sight supposed to be the Sh
Lat 24,,40 Lon 11,,02 so ends this day

13th 55 Thursday blowing strong from the S
ship under short sail tack & tack
saw one fin back & a sunfish saw the
Sh,, & signalized the Roscoe of New
Bedford,, Lat 24 35 Lon 10,17,,

14th 55 Friday fine weather with a good breeze
from S. top G sails set steering to S E
Sh in company very busy in the rigging
saw porpoises day ends fine but no
whales Lat 24,,05 Lon 10,,56,,

Cruising For Sperm Whales..

Jan 15th 55 Saturday very fine,, all sail set going to the N W.; with light breezes from S S W.; broke out water beans molasses & dried apples hoisted out all of our meat & found 26 bbls O K wet hold & washed ship,, gammed with the M.. Lat 23,,30,, Lon 10,,45
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16th 55 Sunday beautiful weather with light breezes from S S W.; ship 9 sails set steering N W.; M in Co.; saw the M Lower for blackfish,, 10 o'clock raised another sail,, ran for her & found her to be the ship Mary of N B Capt Sands 26 months out 150 whale 350 Sperm day ends gamming with both Lat 22,,55 Lon 10,,40,, so ends this day
233 gamming

17th 55 Monday fine with light breezes from S.; all sail set steering W.; busy at work in the rigging,, saw the M & Mary but no fish Lat 23,,00,, Lon 9,,38 sunset took in sail & put her on S tack

18th 55 Tuesday fine as usual wind moderate from S all sail set beating to windward busy at work in the rigging,, saw nothing sunset took in sail,, on the S tack Lat 23,,00 Lon 9,,24

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On The West Coast Of Africa

Jan 19th/55 Wednesday very fine with moderate breezes from S.,, main top g sail set cruising,, saw nothing,, very at work in the rigging sunset took in sail,, still steering to the N Lat 22,,12 Lon 10,,15

20th/55 Thursday good weather with a strong breeze from S.. Ship under double reefed topsails & foresail beating to windward,, saw blackfish,, gamming all day with
234 the Cornelia of New Bedford Capt Sprom 18 months out 600 bbls,, had seen plenty of whales on this ground,, saw porpoises & caught one Lat 21,,31,, S.

21st/55 Friday strong breezes from S Ship under double reefed topsails most of the day,, on the S tack,, not doing much,, saw 2 barques to windward Lat 21,,14 Lon 9,,31,

22nd/55 Saturday hazy with strong breezes from S Ship under double reefed topsails on S tack A M busy serving stowing & c broke out water set hold & washed ship,, saw 2 sail,, sunset took in Lat 21,,10 Lon 9,,56

23rd Sunday blowing a strong breeze from S. Ship under double reefed topsails
235 tack & tack,, caught 2 porpoises & c
gammed gammed with the Keoka Capt Grinell both of Westport,, 16 months out 200 S O,, 300 H B,, day rough
Lat 21,,48 Lon 8,,42

Steering Towards St Helena

Jan
24 Monday fine weather & good breezes from the south top G sails set steering W N W,, A M busy setting up fore & aft stays to the main,, & P.M. busy knotting rope yarns ,, saw nothing just 42 months from home I am sick Lat 21,,50 Lon 7,,40,,

25th/55 Tuesday fine weather with a moderate breeze from S main top G sail set steering N W busy fitting rigging & making rattlin stuff,, saw nothing & dont much expect to,, sunset set the wach & left main top G sail set,,-so ends this day Lat 21,,05 Lon 5,42

26th/55 Wednesday very fine indeed with moderate trades,, carrying all sail & steering N W by N,, sent up fore top mast studding sail booms & set top mast & lower studding sails,, busy making rattlin stuff & at work in the rigging,, saw porpoises sunset left the under whole top sails standing quarter waches Lat 20,,18 Lon 4,,07

27th/55 Thursday good weather with a strong breeze from S,, 2 studding sails set steering N W by N,, busy at all kinds of work saw nothing sunset left main top G sail out Lat 19,,18 ,, Lon 2,, 35,,

Bound Slowly Toward the Promised

Jan 28th/55 Friday fine ,, moderate trades ,, busy in the rigging ,, carrying 2 studding sails steering N W ,, sunset left main top G sail set ,, saw 2 flying fish Lat 18,,28,, Lon 00,, 25 East ,,

Making small rattlin stuff & yarns

29th/55 Saturday cloudy with good trades ,, all sail set steering N W ,, broke out water bread flour molasses & meat ,, fitted some rigging ,, raised a breach but it proved false ,, saw flying fish 5 PM wet [illegible] & washed ship ,, Lat 18,,00,, Lon 1,,22,, West ,,

30th/55 Sunday very fine with good trades all sail set steering N W ,, Spoke the Emily Morton of London bound to London ,, & had the extreme pleasure of seeing a lot of ladies ,, gave him our Longitude & bid him good bye ,, saw porpoises & sun fish sunset put her under short sail & luffed too on S tack ,, Lat 3 oclock 17,,00 Lon 3,,18

31st/55 Monday fine with good breezes from S E ,, main top G sail set cruising tack & tack ,, busy in the rigging saw one merchantman but no whales ,, 3 oclock P M kept her off N W ,, sunset left main top G sail set still steering off Lat 16,,55 Lon 4,,13.

Homeward Bound

Feb first Tuesday very fine daylight raised the Isle of St Helena 30 miles distant all sail set steering for it 2 P.M. arrived off the town luffed to & Capt. went on shore,, Ship lying off & on,, got up one cable & bent it,, caught 2 porpoises,, saw a number of ships at anchor & among others the messenger,, 7 oclock & no signs of the boat,, all hands waiting patiently for letters,, I in a great terror fearful of bad news,, so ends this day

Sec Wednesday very fine indeed with light airs & calms,, lying off & on waiting for Capt Sherman,, struck a porpoise,, sent down main royal yard bent the sail & sent it up again,, sunset Capt came on board & kept her off N W by N,, set studding sails,, standing whole watches day ends calm

Third Thursday very fine with light trades every thing set that would draw steering N W by N,, very busy getting studding sail gear ready got rigged & set & [illegible] main royal,, & P.M. sent in flying jib,, & bent the best main top sail,, every heart praying for a breeze,, saw 3 sail,, Lat. 15°18 Lon 6,,33 west,,

Bound To the Yankee Land

Oct 4th/55 Friday beautifull,, far to good for comfort light S E airs,, steering N W by N: with main royal studding sail set,, got up fore top g studding sail booms & sails up,, bent fore royall & set it.. 10 studding sails set & going 3 knots,, rattled down mizzen rigging,, caught one albicore & saw purpoises & one fin back Lat 14,,40 Lon 7,,57 West.,

5th/55 Saturday fine with very light trades carrying main royal studding sail & steering N W by N,, broke out water out hold,, got out meat washed ship out side & in & painted the white out side all round,, saw purpoises praying for some wind Lat 13,,50,, 9,,04

6th/55 Sunday fine, hot & very little wind every thing that will draw going N W by W by compass,, saw nothing,, very homesick,, it seems to be a prevailing disease at present,, oh for a good breeze Lat 12,,50 Lon 10,,34..

7th/55 Monday to fine for homesick ones,, light airs very light trades,, trying to make every thing draw to gain another inch,, but the old P doesnt take so much interest in getting home as some of the unfortunate crew,, very busy ratting down tarring down & making rigging stuff,, Steering N W by N & N W.. Lat 11,,41 Lon 12,,08

Homeward Bound

Feb

8th 55 Tuesday beautifull weather & very light trades,, all studding sails set, steering N.W. very busy rattling tarring scraping slushing painting makeing rigging stuff & other Jobs,, broke out molasses saw nothing,, praying for a breeze Lat 10,,55 Lon 13,,47,,

9th 55 Wednesday very fine with light trades trying to get to the N W as fast as possible,, but make slow work of it,, employed as yesterday,, broke out flour & finished painting on the mizzen mast,, Lat 10,,00 Lon 15.34,, Home sick......

11th 55 Thursday fine with light trades every thing set that will draw,, steering N W by compass,, finished rattling & tarring & rather hot work we had of it,, day ends fine,, saw the smoke of a Steamer,, mate standing a watch Lat 9,,15 Lon 17,,04

11th 55 Friday fine with moderate trades, trying to get along as fast as possible,, busy at all kinds of work,, &c got a little more breeze,, Lat 8,,16 Lon 19,,05

12th 55 Saturday fine with light trades & doing our best to get to the N W,, busy at all kinds of work &c broke out water out hold & washed ship Lat 7.00 Lon 21,,04 every

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Homeward Bound

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13 th/55 Sunday very fine indeed with every thing set that would draw,, steering N. W.. saw plenty of flying fish,, expecting to see sails soon,, very homesick but can't get along any faster Lat 6,,10 Lon 23,,00,,

14 th/55 Monday cloudy with very light trades steering N W.. busy painting mast heads & lower masts,, calked & pitched the deck in several places.. 8 oclock commenced raining like fun so ends the day,, Lat,, 5,,00 Lon 24,,53 " saw one sail

15 th/55 Tuesday begins raining,, with calms & light airs from N & W.. on S tack making very little head way,, daylight got light trades,, steering N W., bent spanker & flying jib.. Lat 4,,30 ,,26,,

16 th/55 Wednesday cloudy hot & calm with an occasional cats paw from S E working slowly to the N W.. busy at all kinds of work.. cleaned & painted the mincing machine,, & I think it will serve a number of voyages.. if it receives no more damage than it has this.. saw 2 sail steering to N W.. day ends with every prospects of miserable weather, all hands very low spirited & no remedy " every one hoping & praying for better winds,, such is life on board of a New Bedford whaler.. Lat 3..50 Lon 27..50

Barque,, Pacific, Homeward,

Sept 17th,, Thursday,, begins with calms rain squalls light winds baffling winds head winds,, wind all round the compass, & every thing that can worry an impatient man busy taking in & making sail, & getting wet. Steering N W by N when the wind is fair,, which is but a small portion of the time,, all hope has fled of making a decent passage,, but with permission of Divine Providence we shall get there in time,, plenty of thunder & lightning & raining all the time P M no observasions,, so goes another day may the next be a little more pleasant,,

18th/55 Friday,, raining,, calm & very hot,, daylight raised a sail,, 10 miles off,, 4 P M he got too us & wanted to know the Longitude he was a duchman bound to London his Longitude was 30,,38 & ours,, 29,,10,, Duchman I think had lost run of himself,, set the studding sails several times & hauled them in again,, wind round the Compass 40 times,, day ends raining like fun,, main top g sheet parted,, plenty of squalls,, head winds & calms,, very discourageing to us poor mortals Lat 3,,30 & like to be for some time yet,, Oh for a good breeze

Bound.. New Bedford Ahead

Sept 19th 55 Saturday comes in pouring down in torrents.. & continued so till 12 oclock with light airs from S.. set the studding sails & tried to get a few miles to th N P.M. cleared up a little broke out water out holds & washed off 5 sail in sight.. bound to the S.. or trying to Oh what a life to lead Lat 2,30 Lon 29,,20

20th Sunday begins with good weather & light baffling winds trying to get to the N.. signalized a large yankee merchant man bound N W.. plenty of Skip jacks round the ship.. day ends with a gentle breze from S E.. steering N N W.. with studdingsails out both sides.. & the weather looking bad Lat 1..^{8}10 Lon 29,,57

21st 55 Monday comes in with a squall in our teeth every thing hard aback.. rain pouring in torrents & continued so most of the day.. saw 2 sail.. exchanged Longitude with a Danish Barque named the Narrsa of Lubec.. he had double reefed topsails mainsail & jib furled & we main royal & studdingsails with light baffling winds & rain squalls.. very busy bracing yards & so we go.. Lat 0010 south our Lon 30,,38 the duchmans 33,,35..

Monday is drawing to a close & there is another prospect of a bad night.. Oh for a good breze fair & good weather,, so we could get to that sweet old place called home..

So ends my book but not the voyage if I should ever go another I pray God it may be pleasenter happier more prosperous yet & bless that Glorious Giver who doeth all things well

Swift & P

The Mothers Farewell To Her Sailor Boy;

Go my child; I'll not detain thee,
Though my tears awhile must flow;
Go, and may thy God sustain thee;
May his presence with thee go, ……

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I had hoped to hide this sorrow…
Till thy bark was on the deep;
But that sad and lone tomorrow,
Oh! it is for that I weep.

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When thy father and thy brother
Perished on the treacherous sea.
Is it strange that thy fond Mother
Lavished all her love on thee?

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Of the flowers I cherished, only
One is left — my hope, my pride;
Oh! I shall be very lonely,
When I miss thee from my side.

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Yet, my boy, I'll not detain thee,
Though my tears awhile must flow;
Go, and may thy God sustain thee;
May his presence with thee go…

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And at morn, or noon, or even,
Often as I think of thee,
I, shall intercede with Heaven,
For my child upon the sea,

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Go; the time has come; I yield thee —
Thee, my hope, my pride, my joy;
God from every danger shield thee;
God be with thee, precious boy.

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Thou hast learned to love another

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Thou hast broken every vow
We have parted from each other
And my heart is lonely now.
I have taught my looks to shun thee
When coldly we have met
For another's smile has won thee
And thy voice must I forget
Oh! is it well to sever
This heart from thine forever
Can I forget thee never
Farewell! Fairwell forever

We have met and we have parted.
But I uttered scarce a word
Like a guilty thing I started
When thy well known voice I heard.
Thy looks were stern and altered
Thy words were cold and high
How my traitor courage faltered
When I dared to meet thine eye.
O womans love will leave her
And womans pride will grieve her
Life has fled when love deceives her
Farewell! Farewell forever

We have met in scenes of pleasure
We have met in halls of pride
I have seen thy new found treasure
I have gazed upon thy bride

I have seen the timid lustre
Of thy downcast happy eye
I have seen thee gaze upon her
Forgetting I was by.
I grieved that e'er I met thee
Fain Fain would I forget thee
Twere folly to regret thee
Farewell! Farewell! forever

Rochester. July. 19th 1855.

In after years as thou perchance
Midst other scenes to cast a glance
Along these pages should thine eye
Rest on this tribute — think of me
Think kindly as I shall of thee.

The Forsaken.

Perhaps, perhaps it were as well
We're cancelled every vow,
And he has bidden me farewell,
And we are parted now.
He never once has sought to prove
How far my love would go;
I loved him with an earnest love,
How well he ne'er can know.
But ah! he doubted this fond heart
Whose every throb and swell
Were his. He said that we must part;
Perhaps it were as well.

I never doubted him: no, no,
I never did; though he
Has not confided, trusted so,
For he has doubted me.
The sun that shines to gild the day,
The glistening stars on high,
The moon in her sweet, peaceful way,
Were ne'er more true than I.
He ne'er had cause to doubt this heart
Whose feelings now rebel,
He only said that we must part—
Perhaps it were as well.

How could I e'er be blest with one
Who doubted every vow,
Oh! I had rather live alone,
As I am living now;
And though this bosom once has loved,
And even though loving yet;
Since false and fickle *he* has proved
'Twill strive now to forget;
The pang that it has cost this heart,

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But he has said that we must part,
Perhaps it were as well.

Rochester, July 13th /55;

I live among the cold the false,
And I must seem like them;
And such I am; for I am false
As those I most condemn.
I teach my lip its sweetest smile,
My voice its softest tone;
I borrow others' likeness
Till I almost lose my own.

Then farewell, the breeze is with us,
And our vessel ploughs the foam.
God, who guides the good ship seaward
Will protect, the loved at home.

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